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Calcutta, 19th March 1872.

From —The Hony. Secretary and Treasurer, Mayo Memorial Fund.

To—The Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

The Committee who have undertaken the duty of appealing to the public for aid in raising a memorial in honor of the Earl of Mayo, which shall worthily represent their appreciation of his administration, and perpetuate his great name and services as Viceroy and Governor General of India, desire me to place in your hands a copy of their published Address, and to express a hope that you will by your co-operation support their endeavours to obtain the sympathy and assistance of the European and Native Community in your Commissionership.

The object of the Committee is so clearly set forth, that I am confident it only requires to be brought to notice to ensure its hearty recognition and acceptance by all classes; and the Committee will be most grateful to you if you will give them the help of your personal interest in promoting the movement which they have initiated.

MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF THE EARL OF MAYO.

Address to the public.

The sub-Committee, appointed for the purpose of carrying out the objects of a Public Meeting, held at the Town Hall of Calcutta, on the 5th instant, appeal to their fellow-subjects of the British Crown in India, to all foreign residents in Her Majesty's Indian Territories, to the Princes, Chiefs, and Nobles of India, and to all who survey with interest the condition and progress of this country.

All those to whom this appeal is addressed are earnestly entreated to give their aid, influence, and persuasion, in furtherance of the object of the Committee, that the national feeling on the present occasion should be emphatically and worthily expressed by a great spontaneous movement of admiration and regret.

If custom requires that merits of eminent Statesmen, Soldiers, Legislators or Philanthropists, should be commemorated by statues or other durable monuments, how more than commonly urgent is it that we should do homage to the memory of a great public officer who has been taken away in the midst of his usefulness, perfidiously slain in the performance of an act of public duty. Nothing can be truly effectual for this purpose which falls short of hearty and united action on the part of all who loved, admired, and respected him whose loss we now deplore. Calcutta, as the seat of the Government in India, and the abode of the Viceroy, now desires to take the lead, not in any local or partial, but in one universal movement in his honor.

The Committee, therefore, to which this duty has been delegated, respectfully and earnestly solicits general support, invites opinions and suggestions, and promises that in carrying out the object in view, its anxious wish will be to consult the intentions and desires of its supporters.

The Committee will not at present venture upon a suggestion as to the precise form which the Mayo Memorial should take. Most probably the general feeling will require that a Statue of Lord Mayo should be comprehended in the scheme; but it is hoped that the sums contributed will enable those who have the final decision to inaugurate some great public work, which shall not merely hand down his name to posterity, but largely promote the welfare of the people to whom his last labors were devoted, and for whose good he sacrificed himself.

With reference to the accompanying communication from the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Mayo Memorial Fund at Calcutta, the Chief Commissioner requests the undermentioned gentlemen will form a Committee for the purpose of collecting subscriptions in Mysore and Coorg, in aid of the Memorial in honor of the late lamented Viceroy.

It is earnestly desired that the opportunity shall be afforded to all classes of the community, who deplore the untimely and violent removal of the late Earl of Mayo from the high office of Viceroy of this Empire, which he so worthily and nobly filled, to give expression to their admiration of his great services and lofty character as a Ruler, and their regret at his sad fate, by contributing to the Memorial it is proposed to establish in his honour, and the Chief Commissioner ventures to hope that the Members of the Committee and all who take an interest in the subject—Europeans and Natives—will do what may be in their power to further the object of the appended address.

The question of the disposal of the funds that may be collected with the above object, can be decided hereafter by the subscribers generally, at a meeting to be held for the purpose, or in such other way as may be deemed suitable.

President.

R. D. Mangles, Esq , v. c.

Members.

J. D. Gordon, Esq., c. s. i.	Major H. G. Thomson.
Colonel Knox.	Lieut.-Colonel J. Puckle.
Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Pearse.	Dr. J. Orr.
Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Sankey, b. e.	J. Garrett, Esqre.
Major J. A. Campbell.	Mr. A. R. Sabaputti Moodr.
Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Eliott.	

The Committee is requested to add to its members any persons, official or non-official, it may deem desirable, who are willing to join it, and to take steps to obtain the assistance of Local Committees at all the Head Quarters of Districts.

Nundidroog,
10th April 17 *(sic.)* 1872.

(Sd). R. J. MEADE,
Chief Commissioner.

Nundidroog, 17th April 72.

My dear Mr. Mangles,

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to send you 100 copies of a communication he has received from the Honorary Secretary of the Mayo Memorial Fund, and a similar No. of copies of a memorandum he has drawn up on the subject, and to invite you to be President of the Committee named therein. Col. Meade has written to Col. Knox regarding the nomination of additional officers to your committee, who are likewise asked to add to their number such persons, official or non-official, as they may think desirable; and you will see that Col. Meade proposes hereafter to call a general meeting of the subscribers to determine how the fund that may be raised, shall be disposed of.

Col. Meade has also asked me to request you will be so good as to put down his name as a subscriber for Rs. 500.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. PUCKLE.

P. S.—I send with this a manuscript copy—the printed copy shall be sent as soon as possible.

No. 63, dated Bangalore, the 16th January 1873.

From—R. L. Mangles, Esquire, President of the Central Committee,
Mayo Memorial Fund, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

With reference to your demi-official letter, dated 17th of April last, forwarding printed copies of a communication from the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Mayo Memorial Fund at Calcutta, with the Chief Commissioner's instructions thereon, I have the honour to report for the information of the Chief Commissioner that, in accordance with his wishes a meeting of the President and Members of the Central Committee was convened on the 1st May last, and that agreeably to the proceedings of the Committee (a copy of which is enclosed) the Superintendents of Divisions were addressed with a view to District Officers being directed to form sub-committees in their respective Districts and to take steps to obtain subscriptions towards the fund.

2. The Superintendent of Coorg and the President of the Bangalore Municipality were also addressed on the subject, and subscription lists were at the same time circulated among the members of the Central Committee.

3. Up to the present date, a sum of rupees 17,379—5—1 has been collected towards the fund, as per details in the *margin, and this amount has been deposited in the Madras Branch Bank at Bangalore for a period of six months bearing interest at 3 per cent per annum.

*Bangalore District	...	Rs.	3,264	8 2
Kolar ,,	...	,,	3,864	8 3
Toomkoor ,,	...	,,	1,443	0 5
Mysore ,,	...	,,	3,899	14 4
Hassan ,,	...	,,	780	12 6
Shimogah ,,	...	,,	1,219	14 9
Cadoor ,,	...	,,	1,119	10 8
Coorg ,,	...	,,	436	0 0
		Rs.	17,379	5 1

4. I intended to close the accounts connected with the fund on the 7th instant, but I am still unable to do so, owing to some outstanding subscriptions in several of the Districts not having as yet been collected.

5. As soon as the accounts are finally closed, a public meeting will be held by the Central Committee for the purpose of deciding how the sums collected shall be expended, and meanwhile, I have called for expression of opinion on this point from the members of the Local District Committees who will be unable to attend the public meeting.

Proceedings of the Meeting of Committee assembled in pursuance to notice issued in the Central Hall of the Public Buildings at 8 A. M. the 1st May 1872.

PRESIDENT.

R. L. Mangles, Esquire, V. C.

MEMBERS.

Colonel R. Knox.	Major W. Osborn.
Major Arbuthnot.	A. R. Sabaputty Modeliar, Esq.

Proposed by Mr. Sabauputty Modeliar and seconded by Major Arbuthnot

and

I. Resolved to address Superintendents to direct District Officers to form sub-committees each within his own district, to appoint non-official members as well as native members on such sub-committees to take steps to obtain subscriptions by circulating lists, and to report their proceedings from time to time for the information of the Central Committee.

II. Resolved also that Dr. Orr be requested to do the same in the Cantonment adding the Municipal Commissioners to his sub-committee, in order to engage the sympathy and aid of the native community.

Subscription list for members of Central Committee to be opened at once and circulated.

No. 6024—Finl. 476, dated Camp, Chickmagaluru, the 29th January 1873.

From—The Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The Hony. Secy. and Treasurer, "Mayo Memorial Fund", Calcutta.

I have the honor by desire of the Chief Commissioner to inform you that on receipt of your communication dated 19th March last, measures were at once adopted under his authority for opening subscription lists throughout the territories under this administration for the collection of funds in aid of the "Mayo Memorial", and that the sums realized with this object now aggregate Rs. 17,379, while some further collections have yet to be made on account of unrealized contributions.

2. I am to add that there is a general desire on the part of the subscribers that the amount so raised in this Province shall be applied to some local object which will form a suitable memorial in honour of the late lamented Viceroy, and it is proposed to hold a meeting for the purpose of taking the general opinion of the subscribers on the point as soon as the collection account is finally closed, but in the meantime Colonel Meade will be glad to learn what course has been taken on this head in respect of other provincial collections and to be favoured with an expression of the views of the General Committee thereon.

Calcutta, 7th February 1873.

From—The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mayo Memorial Fund.

To—The Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 6024 of 29th ultimo, in which you have had the goodness to announce the result of steps by the Chief Commissioner of Mysore relative to the proposal for raising a Memorial in honor of the late Earl of Mayo.

The Calcutta Committee will shortly hold a meeting, and I shall be glad to submit your letter for their information and any further reply I may be directed to make.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, 20th May 1873.

Dated Calcutta, 6th May 1873.

From—The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mayo Memorial.

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

On the 7th February I had the honor in reply briefly to your letter of 29th January relative to subscriptions to the funds which are being raised to erect memorials in honor of the late Lord Mayo; and in further acknowledgment of it, I request you will do me the favour of informing the Chief Commissioner that the Calcutta Committee have since received very liberal contributions which will enable them to provide not only for the Equestrian Statue subscribers have unanimously voted for, but to contribute materially to other objects of public interest and usefulness not unworthy of the late Viceroy's memory: and if the subscriptions which have been collected in the Territories under Colonel Meade's administration were added to the Calcutta Fund, they would undoubtedly influence the decision at which subscribers may hereafter arrive in those respects.

Notably among the recent contributions has been the very handsome sum presented by His Highness the Nizam and his principal officers of state.

Up to the present moment the subscriptions amount to (1,06,000) a lac and six thousand rupees; of this about half a lac will be reserved for the Statue, and the remainder appropriated as the subscribers may hereafter determine.

No. 879—186, G, DATED BANGALORE, 20TH MAY 1873.

ORDER THEREON.—With reference to the above letter, the officiating Judicial Commissioner is requested to furnish a memo, showing from the papers in his possession, what amount will be available, stating at the same time the several proposals that may have been received from the different parts of the Province as to the form of the memorial.

H. W. WELLESLEY,
Offg. Secretary.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, 23rd June 1873.

No. 75, dated Bangalore, 16th June 1873.

From—The President of the Central Committee, Mayo Memorial Fund, Bangalore.

To—The Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

With reference to the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 879—186, dated the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to state that a sum of Rs. 18,667—10—7 has been noted as subscribed towards the Mayo Memorial Fund in the Provinces of Mysore and Coorg, and Rs. 18,109—1—7 have been actually collected up to date, of which 18,094—1—7 have been deposited in the Bangalore Branch of the Madras Bank at 3 per cent interest renewable every six months, and a sum of Rs. 15 recently received is in deposit in this office.

2. As requested by the Chief Commissioner, I beg to append a precis of the proposals made by the several sub-Committees with regard to the appropriation of the amount subscribed.

3. With the concurrence of the Central Committee, which met on the 6th instant, I beg to submit a Memorandum drawn up by the Military Executive Engineer, and respectfully to suggest that the money be utilized in the Mysore country, and that the amount collected be appropriated to a really handsome Public Hall to be called the "Mayo Memorial Hall," and to be open for public meetings and other purposes, by permission of the Committee, to Natives and Europeans alike.

4. This Memorial Hall should form the centre of a block of buildings, comprising a fine reading room, library room, supper room, and theatre, the whole block to be the new Public Rooms of Bangalore now so much needed, as the old buildings bearing that designation are in a state of rapid decay and have recently partly fallen in*.

Vide Memorandum previously referred to.

5. The amount required will doubtless be made up by the Madras and Mysore Governments, as they must both be considered deeply interested in the furtherance of such a laudable object.

6. The Library Room might be built out of the "Bowring Fund" money, which amounts, I believe, to 8 or 9,000 rupees, and may be called "the Bowring Library," and then only that portion of the block which may be considered as exclusively useful to the European community and the troops will remain to be provided for jointly by the two Governments.

7. The Committee should, I think, be composed to the extent of one half of officials who should be on it *ex-officio*. This would prevent the affairs of the building from becoming as unintelligible as those of the old public rooms.

Abstract of Proposals made by the several sub-Committees regarding the disposal of the sums subscribed towards the Mayo Memorial Fund.

By the Committee at Hassan.

(1) That a scholarship be established in connection with the Anglo-Vernacular School at Hassan to be called after Lord Mayo; or (2). That a scholarship be established in the High School, Bangalore, to enable matriculated students from the Hassan School to prosecute their college studies at the High School, Bangalore, as the Hassan School only educates up to the Matriculation standard.

By the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan.

That if the money collected is to be spent on buildings, chatrams should be built as being in harmony with native ideas and wants. That if the money collected is to go towards building a Public Hall at Bangalore, it would be scarcely fair to those in the districts, as they would not benefit from such an institution.

That the funds could not be better expended than on chatrams.

By the Commissioner of Ashtagram.

They have no opinions to offer.

By the Deputy Commissioners of Bangalore and Toomkoor.

That the funds be laid out in constructing an irrigation work, the profits therefrom to go to the establishment of an Asylum (to be called after Earl Mayo) for the poor and the destitute of the country, and to be established at a place where it would be properly managed, the adoption of such a proposal being considered by him to effect three objects, *viz.*, (1) as affording work for people and thereby enabling them to support themselves; (2) as being the means of providing for the poor and destitute of the country; and (3) as being the means of improving the district in which the funds were collected.

By the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar.

That the funds supplemented by Government should go towards building handsome public rooms at Bangalore.

By the Commissioner of Nandidroog.

None of the subscribers or members in Coorg have any proposals to submit.

By the Superintendent of Coorg.

That the balance still uncollected in that District, *viz.*, Rs. 267—8—0, should, when realized, be set apart to the planting of a tope in the town of Chickamagaluru to be called "Mayo's Park."

By the President and members of the Committee in the Kadoor District.

(1) That if the funds admit of it, a statue of the late Earl Mayo be erected.

By the majority of the sub-Committee in the Kadur District.

(2) That a poor house be erected for the benefit of the blind, infirm and destitute throughout Mysore to be called after Earl Mayo.

That the water supply of the town of Bangalore, and more particularly of the suburb of McDougal Pete in the Cantonment, be improved, and the work called "Mayo Memorial water works."

By one of the members of the above Committee.

That a scholarship be established at each of the Head Quarters of Districts to be maintained from the interest obtained from the funds being invested in the best possible way.

By the *vice*-President and members of the sub-Committee of the Chituldroog District.

Report on state of the Assembly Rooms, by the District Engineer, Bangalore, dated 31st May 1873.

The portion used as a theatre is evidently very old. The whole of the timber in the roof is junglewood. The centre part of the roof is supported on coupled rafters placed on brestsummers resting on brick pillars. These couples are in a bad state. The roofs of the side parts are terraced, and the rafters are entirely decayed, and ant-eaten, and the roof highly dangerous. The part generally used as a ball room has been, I imagine, a later addition to the theatre, as it is in better order; but it is at the same time far from being what it should be, especially towards the east end where some of the couples and rafters are decayed. The side roofs in this section of the building are in good order, the rafters being of teakwood.

Theatre.

Ball room.

The large room to the south (a portion of the roof of which fell down a short time since) has already been untiled.

That half of the timber which is nearest to the circular end is decayed and the wall cracked.

The dressing rooms are in very bad order, the timber is decayed and sagged, and the walls badly cracked.

The roof of the porch on the north side has already been taken down. The beams should all be removed and examined if it is intended to rebuild it, as two if not more are certainly unfit to be used.

The porch on the east side seems in fair order, and I should judge that it had been built more lately than that on the north side.

The verandah outside over the stage door must be removed at once as it is on the point of falling.

The theatre I consider utterly unfit for use, and although the ball room is in better condition before being used as a ball room, the roof of the centre portion should be thoroughly overhauled, and such repairs as are found necessary carried out.

Dated 6th June 1873.

Submitted by Major Arbuthnot for the consideration of the Committee in connection with the proposal to build new Public Rooms at Bangalore.

No. 1535—Genl. 299, dated Bangalore, 23rd June 1873.

Order thereon.—Ordered, that the above *letter be transferred for consideration by the Chief Commissioner in the Public Works Department.

*No. 75, dated 16th June 1873.

H. W. WELLESLEY,
Offg. Secretary.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner in the P. W. D.

THE MAYO MEMORIAL FUND MEETING.

At a General Meeting held on the 20th day of July 1874 in the vestibule of the Public Offices at Bangalore, there were present the following gentlemen.

Sir R. J. Meade, K. C. S. I.; J. D. Gordon, Esq., C. S. I.; Colonels J. L. Pearse, Sankey, and Puckle; Dr. Orr; Mr. H. W. Wellesley; Majors Arbuthnot and Lindsay; Lieut. Purchas; Captains Yeldham and Pole; Messrs. Hayes (Senior), Ross, Hayes (Junior), Leonard, B. Lovery, J. F. Pereira, MacFarlane, E. Lovery, Grant, Fernandez, Shallard, J. Rozario, R. Grant, Gopauliah, Thumboo Chetty, Sabaputti Moodliar, Coopoosawmy Moodliar, Narahari Row, Jehangir Khan, A. Narainsawmy Moodliar, Vardaraj Iyengar, Tiruvengadam Moodliar, and Hajee Mitta Khasim.

1. On the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Colonel Pearse, Sir Richard Meade, the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, was unanimously voted to the Chair, and Colonel Puckle interim Secretary.

2. The Proceedings were commenced by the notice convening the meeting being read out, a copy of which is given hereunder as published in the *Mysore Gazette* of the 4th July.

No. 105. The 2nd July 1874.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be convened at the Public Offices, Bangalore, on Monday the 20th instant, at 8 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of deciding what shall be done with the money realized in Mysore for the "Mayo Memorial." All subscribers are invited to attend.

3. Sir Richard Meade then rose, and stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of ascertaining (1) what funds had been collected, and (2) what form the proposed memorial should take, and after paying a graceful tribute to the memory of the late Lord Mayo, and briefly alluding to the manner of his death, he added that probably the amount collected in the Province would be found insufficient for any large project, and that in his opinion it would be better to expend whatever there might be, in one memorial, rather than in a number of local ones, but that it was for the meeting to decide what such memorial should be. He then called on Mr. Gordon to state what funds had been collected from the Local Committees, and to lay before the meeting the proposals from the Districts, in order that they might receive consideration at the hands of the gentlemen present.

4. Mr. Gordon read a statement showing that there had been collected, as shown below.

From Bangalore	3,679	0	2
„ Kolar	3,966	2	3
„ Mysore	3,899	14	4
„ Hassan	940	2	0
„ Shimoga	1,398	4	1
„ Kadoor	1,119	10	8
„ Chituldroog	2,013	4	0
„ Toomkoor	1,443	0	5
„ Coorg	592	0	0
By interest from Madras Bank ...	560	7	1
Rs.	19,611	13	0
to which Interest would have to be added, due from Madras Bank, on the 13th September 1874	294	0	7
making an aggregate of Rs.	19,905	13	7

of which about Rs. 16,000 had been subscribed by natives of the Province—With regard to the proposals from various sub-Committees, Mr. Gordon said there seemed to be a desire to spend the money collected by them in local memorials, shown in the following memo. He then handed in recommendation by the Hassan Committee.

(1) That a scholarship be established, in connection with the Anglo-Vernacular School at Hassan, to be called after Lord Mayo, or

(2) That a scholarship be established in the High School, Bangalore, to enable Matriculated Students from the Hassan School to prosecute their College studies at the High School, Bangalore, as the Hassan School only educated up to the Matriculation standard. To this, the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan adds, "If the money collected is to be spent on buildings, chuttrums should be built as being in harmony with native ideas and wants, and if the money collected is to go towards building a Public Hall at Bangalore, it would be

scarcely fair to those in the Districts, as they would not benefit from such an institution"; the Commissioner of Astagram adds his opinion that the funds could not be better expended than on Chuttrums.

Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore and Tumkoor.— Have no recommendations to make.

Deputy Commissioner of Kolar.— That the funds be laid out in constructing an irrigation work, the profits therefrom to go to the erection of an Asylum (to be called after Earl Mayo) for the poor and the destitute of the country, and to be established at a place where it would be properly managed. The Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that this would effect three objects viz., (1) it would afford work for people and thereby enable them to support themselves (2) it would be the means of providing for the poor and destitute of the country and (3), of improving the District in which the funds were collected.

Commissioner of Nundydroog Division.— That the funds, supplemented by Government, should go towards building handsome Public Rooms at Bangalore.

Superintendent of Coorg.— None of the subscribers or members in Coorg have any proposals to submit.

By the Committee in the Cadoor District.— That the sum collected therein viz., Rs. 267-8 should be set apart for the formation of a Tope and ornamental ground in the town of Chickmugloor, to be called the Mayo Park.

By the majority of the Cadoor sub-Committee.— (1) That if the funds admit of it, a Statue of the late Earl Mayo be erected, or (2) That a poor house be erected for the benefit of the blind, infirm and destitute throughout Mysore to be called after the Earl Mayo.

By one of the Members of the above Committee (Mr. Mahomed Saliah.)— That the water supply of the Town of Bangalore, and more particularly of the suburb of McDougal Pet in the Cantonment be improved and the work called the "Mayo Memorial Water Works."

By the vice-President and members of the sub-Committee of the Chittledroog District. That a scholarship be established at each of the Head-Quarters of Districts, to be maintained from the interest obtained from the funds being invested in the best possible way.

5. The Chairman made a few remarks, to the effect, that the total sum subscribed, (barely Rs. 20,000), would be lost if expended in local projects, and that he thought all would agree with him in considering that the sum would be better laid out in a single memorial at any place the Meeting might decide on, and he proposed that the sense of the Meeting be taken as to whether it should be expended locally, or on one object only. The proposition was duly put, and it was *resolved unanimously*, that the amount subscribed be expended on one memorial.

6. Mr. Gordon then remarked that the sub-Committees were appointed by the General Committees avowedly for the purpose of assisting in the collection of subscriptions, and that the various proposals made by them as to the manner in which the sums collected should be applied had been read to the meeting, and would of course receive due consideration; but he added, "This is a meeting of subscribers with whom alone must rest the decision on such proposals; due notice had been given of the date on which it would be convened, in view to admit of the representations of subscribers from the outlying districts being made, and under these circumstances, the decision to which the present Meeting shall come must be regarded as final and conclusive."

7. The following proposition was put by Mr. Thumbu Chettiar, and seconded by Lt.-Col. G. Arbuthnot. "That as due notice has been given for the assembly of this Meeting, for the purpose of deciding in what manner the funds collected, shall be appropriated, the decision of this meeting shall be final."

Carried unanimously.

8. Col. Pearse, after a brief explanation, made the next proposition—which was seconded by Col. Sankey and Dr. Orr.

Proposition.—"That the Mayo Fund be devoted to the construction of a building in close proximity to the Bangalore Reading Room, to be called "the Mayo Memorial Hall" which shall be open for all public purposes, to the community in general, European, Eurasian and Native. As, however, Rs. 60,000 or thereabouts will be required for such a Hall, with additions absolutely necessary to render it suitable in all respects for the requirements of this large and rising place, a subscription list be opened to supplement the available amount, and that the Governments of Madras and Mysore be solicited to give grants-in-aid commensurate with the important character of the project, and further, that the amount subscribed for the Bowring Commemoration Fund be asked for from the subscribers, as they have heretofore failed to make use of the money, and with that sum to add an annexe to the main building suitable for a Public Library and Reading Room to be designated "the Bowring Public Library."

9. In seconding the Proposition, Colonel Sankey briefly explained (1) that the sum of barely Rs. 20,000 would be uselessly frittered away if expended locally, and that the construction of the Mayo Hall, (with the Bowring Library attached, to be available to the Public as proposed by Colonel Pearse) would be most desirable from every point of view, (2) that Rs. 20,000 would be quite inadequate for this purpose, but (3) aided as suggested, a handsome

public building might be raised worthy of the rising Town of Bangalore. Colonel Sankey then exhibited a plan and elevation of such a structure and explained the details to the general satisfaction of those who inspected the drawings.

10. Dr. Orr. in recommending the scheme, added that he was authorized, as President of the Municipal Commission, to say that if the Meeting generally adopted the proposal, a municipal grant of Rs. 10,000 or 12,000 would, with the sanction of the Officiating Commissioner, be made in aid thereof, if a municipal office could be suitably added to the design by its projectors.

Resolution:—After some little discussion, The proposal was submitted to the Meeting *and carried by a majority of upwards of threefourths.*

11. Mr. Rice then addressed the chair, (at the suggestion of Mr. Jehangir Khan) to the effect that he would ascertain and report the wishes of the majority of the subscribers to the Bowring Commemoration Fund, and whether they agree to the tranfer of the money so subscribed, for the purpose noted in the proposition.

12. Mr. Gopauliah then rose and desired to submit an alternative proposition for the utilization of the Mayo Memorial Fund, to which Sir Richard Meade replied that the amendment though excellent in itself, was too late, as the original proposition had been duly put and carried by a large majority. He added however that should the proposer desire it, the late amendment could be recorded—on which Mr. Gopauliah stated that he had no wish to move further in the matter, but desired the proposal might be recorded.

The following is the proposition.

"Colonel Pearse's ably seconded proposal, will be of immediate benefit to the Bangalore Community, but is not of a sufficiently Provincial character; and as the funds have been contributed chiefly by the people of the different Districts, it would be more desirable to expend the same in the erection and endowment of some institution in which they would feel a more general interest. To this end it is proposed to erect and endow an Industrial School at Bangalore, in which the youth of the Province shall be appropriately trained. But as the funds at disposal are admittedly insufficient to establish on a proper footing a much required institution of this kind, the Government might be asked to contribute, either from Imperial or Local Funds grants-in-aid thereof, and that a grant from the latter fund would be tantamount to supplemental contributions by the people themselves."

13. The Chairman in a few concluding words said it only now remained to propose an Executive Committee to carry out the Resolutions of the General Meeting and proposed, duly seconded by Dr. Orr, that the following gentlemen be enrolled with that object, with power to add to their number.

Mr. Gordon, C. S. I.; Colonels Pearse, Sankey, and Arbuthnot; Dr. Orr; Captain Yeldham; Messrs. J. W. Hayes, (Senior), Gopauliah, Thumboo Chetty, Narainsawmy Moodliar, Saba,utty Moodliar and Jehangir Khan; Captains Bowen and Vibart; Messrs. Coopoosawmy Moodliar, Ross, and J. F. Pereira; Colonel J. Puckle; Major Mesham.

Resolution.—Carried unanimously.

14. Finally, it was proposed by Colonel Arbuthnot, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and unanimously carried—that the thanks of the meeting be given to the Chairman, which was done, and suitably acknowledged; when the meeting separated.

J. PUCKLE, Colonel,
Interim Secretary.

Bangalore, July 20, 1874.

THE MAYO MEMORIAL FUND MEETING.

Proceedings of a meeting of the Executive Committee, Mayo Memorial Hall, 28th July 1874.

Present:—*President*, J. D. Gordon, Esq., C. S. I.

Members.

Colonels Pearse, Sankey and Arbuthnot; Major Mesham; Dr. Orr; Messrs. Rice, Hayes, Ross, Pereira, Gopauliah, Thumboo Chetty, Sababutty Moodelliar, Narrainsawmy Moodelliar, Coopoosawmy Moodelliar, Jehangir Khan.

Proposed by the President that Lieutenant-Colonel Arbuthnot be invited to accept the office of Secretary.

Seconded by Colonel Sankey.—Carried unanimously.

Lieutenant-Colonel Arbuthnot intimates his willingness to accept the office.

2. Proposed by J. D. Gordon, Esq., that Mr. Hudson be invited to join the Committee and act as Treasurer.

Seconded by Colonel Pearse.—Carried unanimously.

3. Proposed by Colonel Sankey that a sub-Committee composed as after named, be formed for the special purpose of obtaining subscriptions from the general community of Mysore in view to supplementing the funds.

Lieut.-Colonel Arbuthnot: Messrs. Hudson, Sabaputty Moolelliar, Mahomed Cassim Ghum and Pereira.

Seconded by Dr. Orr.—Carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Gordon then addressed the meeting giving a general sketch of the position of affairs. He stated that the question of available funds should be first discussed. The Memorial Hall had been estimated to cost Rs. 60,000. At present, the only sum actually available is the sum of about Rs. 20,000 representing the Mayo Memorial Fund. The money is now lodged in the Bank and is carrying interest. He hoped that the subscribers to the Bowring Memorial Fund would be willing that their subscriptions representing a sum of about Rs. 5,000 be added towards the general scheme. He called upon Mr. Rice to state if he is prepared on behalf of the subscribers so to apply the money, which it is understood had been placed in his charge. Mr. Rice expressed his readiness on the part of the subscribers of the Bowring Memorial Fund so to contribute the sum raised, provided that the object of the particular fund in view, *i. e.*, a Bowring Institute form part of the arrangements of the proposed building. Mr. Gordon said that the wishes of the subscribers whom Mr. Rice represented, would certainly be considered in the proposed arrangements. The present proposal appeared to be the best practicable in the interests of such subscribers. It would next be necessary to address the Governments of Madras and Mysore to ascertain what assistance might be expected from them, and lastly there was the resource of private subscriptions. From this last source it was to be hoped material additional assistance would be derived. The Committee generally and the sub-Committee specially should make every effort to obtain contributions in every practicable manner. Mr Gordon believed that considerable sums would be contributed by those interested in the scheme in the Province. Subscriptions might be given in one lump sum or in small monthly instalments as might be convenient.

5. Proposed by Mr. Hayes that the Madras and Mysore Governments be at once addressed with a view to ascertaining to what extent they are prepared to contribute towards the erection of the Memorial Hall.

Seconded by Mr. Thumboo Chetty.—Carried unanimously.

6. Proposed by Mr. Gordon that the Chief Engineer be requested to institute enquiries as to the status of the present Library and Public Rooms with a view to obtaining the site.

Seconded by Colonel Pearse.—Carried unanimously.

After discussing the proportions of the proposed Hall and requesting Colonel Sankey to be so good as to prepare detailed plan thereof, a subscription list was circulated and the meeting separated. The amount subscribed in the room was about Rs 3,000.

G. A. ARBUTHNOT, Lt.-Col.,
Honorary Secretary,
Mayo Memorial Hall Committee.

At a meeting of the sub-Committee of the Mayo Town Hall held at the Public Offices on Saturday the 28th October 1876.

PRESENT.

J. D. Gordon, Esq., C. S. I., President.
Lt. Col. Johnson.
Capt. Bowen.
H. Hudson, Esq.
Gramatki, Esq., and
Lt. Col. Arbuthnot, Hony. Secy.

It was resolved.

1. That as the building of the Hall is now rapidly progressing subscribers be called upon to pay the amounts promised, and fresh subscriptions solicited.

2. That Mr. Rozario, Head Clerk, Judicial Commissioner's Office, and the Draughtsman of Chief Engineer's Office be each allowed Rs. 50 for services rendered.

G. ARBUTHNOT, Lt.-Col.,
Hony. Secy., Mayo Town Hall Committee.

BANK OF MADRAS.

No. 29—1671. *Bangalore 14—11—1878.*

Received from Colonel J. L. Pearse Rupees Twenty nine only for the Credit of his ("Mayo Memorial Fund") Current Account with the Bank of Madras.

Rs. 29—0—0.

EDWD. SHAW, Accountant.
T. Aroonagherry Moodely, Cashier.

The President of the Central Committee, Mayo Memorial Fund, in account current with the Agent of the Madras Bank, Bangalore.

Cr.			Dr.		
1876		Rs. A. P.	1876		Rs. A. P.
May 18th	Amount deposited in the Bank. Vide Agent's receipt No. 24-1215 dated 18th May 1876 ...	20,773 13 0	May 18th	Cheque No. 1 B. 100501 issued in favour of the Honorary Treasurer, Mayo Town Hall Committee, in payment of Mr. Putman's Bill No. 1 for work done to the Mayo Hall ...	2,101 7 6
Nov. 17th	Amount deposited in the Madras Bank, being subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	262 8 0	Oct. 30th	Cheque No. 2 B. 100502 issued in favour of H. Hudson, Esqr., in payment of remuneration to Mr. J. Rozario (Rs. 50) and a draughtsman Rs. 50 of the P. W. D. for clerical work performed by them ...	100 0 0
	J. D. Gordon, Esq., subscription for 4 months at Rs. 50 per month ... 200 0 0		Dec. 18th	Cheque No. 3 B. 100503 issued in favour of H. Hudson, Esqr., Honorary Treasurer, Mayo Town Hall Committee, in payment of Mr. Putmans Bill No. 2 for work done to the Mayo Town Hall dated 15th December 76 ...	4,276 15 0
	Col. J. L. Pearse, subscription for November 1876 ... 50 0 0				
	Dr. J. W. Orr, subscription for November 1876 ... 12 8 0				
	Rs. 262 8 0				
Nov. 20th	Amount deposited in the Madras Bank being subscription paid by Colonel Sankey ...	140 0 0			
Nov. 23rd	Amount deposited in the Bank being subscription paid by Mr. A. Narrainswamy Moodr. ...	150 0 0			
Dec. 2nd	Amount of subscription by J.D. Gordon, Esq., deposited in the Madras Bank 4th December 76. ...	200 0 0			
Dec. 8th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	140 8 0			
	Col. Pearse ... 50				
	Dr. Orr ... 12½				
	Mr. Thumboo Chetty ... 10				
	,, Bain ... 30				
	,, Sreenevasachari ... 6				
	,, Garudachar ... 3				
	,, Marry Gungiah ... 1				
	,, Hemajee Row ... 4				
	,, Kristniengar ... 1				
	,, Goorooswamy Moodr. ... 2				
	,, Sabaputty Moodr. ... 1				
	,, Sabaputty Moodr., late Head Sheristedar ... 20				
	140½				
	Remitted to Madras Bank 9th Dec. 76.				
Dec. 13th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	133 0 0			
	Mr. E. S. Smith ... 120 0 0				
	,, Venkatachariar ... 4 0 0				
	,, T. Sreeneevas Row ... 3 0 0				
	,, Sadasiva Moodr. ... 6 0 0				
	Rs. 133 0 0				
1877	Remitted to Bank 20th December 76.				
Jany. 6th	Subscription received from J.D. Gordon, Esq. ...	200 0 0			
	Remitted to Bank 8th January 1877.				
Jany. 8th	Subscription received from Major T. Clarke ...	200 0 0			
	Remitted to the Bank 9th January 1877.				
Jany. 10th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	135 8 0			
	Dr. Orr ... 12 8 0				
	Mr. A. Sabaputty Moodr. ... 10 0 0				
	,, Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0				
	,, J. Pereira ... 10 0 0				
	,, Sreenevasacharry ... 3 0 0				
	,, Vurdiengar ... 3 0 0				
	Captn. Morant ... 60 0 0				
	Major Lindsay ... 30 0 0				
	Mr. V. C. Sabaputty Moodr. ... 1 0 0				
	,, Murry Gungiah ... 1 0 0				
	Rs. 135 8 0				
	Deposited in the Bank 10th January 77.				
Jany. 11th	Subscription received from Col. Pearse...	50 0 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 11th January 77.				
Jany. 16th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	26 0 0			
	Mr. E. Hewetson ... 10 0 0				
	,, C. Venkata Row ... 12 0 0				
	,, Venkatachariar ... 2 0 0				
	,, Goorooswamy Moodr. ... 2 0 0				
	Rs. 26 0 0				
	Deposited in the Bank 16th January 77.				

Cr.				Dr.			
1877		Rs.	A. P.				
Feb. 6th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	114	8 0				
	Col. Pearse ... 50 0 0						
	Dr. Orr ... 12 8 0						
	Mr. Francisens ... 20 0 0						
	,, Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0						
	,, J. Pereira ... 10 0 0						
	,, Hemajee Row ... 2 0 0						
	,, Srinivasacharry ... 3 0 0						
	,, Amoorthalingum Moodr. ... 5 0 0						
	,, Garoodachar, Amildar ... 3 0 0						
	,, Kristniengar ... 1 0 0						
	,, V. C. Sabaputty Moodr. ... 1 0 0						
	,, Marry Gungiah ... 1 0 0						
	,, E. Sham Row ... 1 0 0						
	Rs. 114 8 0						
	Deposited in the Bank 9th February 77.						
March 6th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	72	8 0				
	Dr. Orr ... 12 8 0						
	Mr. Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0						
	,, J. F. Pereira ... 10 0 0						
	,, Chengulroy Moodr. ... 4 0 0						
	,, Marry Gungiah ... 1 0 0						
	Major Lindsay ... 20 0 0						
	Mr. Kristnasamiengar ... 20 0 0						
	Rs. 72 8 0						
	Deposited in the Bank 6th March 77.						
March 10th	Subscription paid by Mr. B. Ross ...	150	0 0				
	Deposited in the Bank 12th March 77.						
April 11th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	128	8 0				
	Dr. Orr ... 12 8 0						
	J. Garrett, Esqr. ... 20 0 0						
	Dr. Henderson ... 60 0 0						
	Mr. Waters ... 15 0 0						
	,, J. Pereira ... 10 0 0						
	,, Stoeneevasacharry ... 8 0 0						
	,, Gooroosawmy Moodr. ... 2 0 0						
	,, Kristniengar ... 1 0 0						
	Rs. 128 8 0						
	Deposited in the Bank 11th April 77.						
May 8th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	223	0 0				
	Major Clarke ... 160 0 0						
	,, Lindsay ... 20 0 0						
	Mr. Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0						
	,, J. Pereira ... 10 0 0						
	,, Hemajee Row ... 2 0 0						
	,, Chengulroy Moodr. ... 8 0 0						
	,, Ramrow ... 1 0 0						
	,, Vencatacharier ... 6 0 0						
	,, Murry Gungiah ... 1 0 0						
	,, Kristnasawmy Iyengar ... 10 0 0						
	Rs. 223 0 0						
	Deposited in the Bank 8th May 1877.						
June. 8th	Received from Mr. V. Narsim Iyengar with his docket No. 68 dated 8th June 77 ...	10	0 0				
,,	From Mr. Sheshadri Iyer with his letter dated 7th June 77 ...	5	0 0				
,,	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	46	8 0				
	Dr. Orr ... 12 8 0						
	Major Van Somaren ... 10 0 0						
	Gooroosawmy Moodr. ... 2 0 0						
	Mr. Ramanjacharry, pleader ... 1 0 0						
	,, Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0						
	,, J. Pereira ... 10 0 0						
	,, A. R. Sabaputty Moodr. ... 6 0 0						
	Rs. 46 8 0						
	Rs. 61—8—0 remitted to the Bank 9th June 77.						
June 11th	Received from Mr. Narahari Row, Judicial Assistant Commissioner of Chitaldroog with his letter dated 8th June 1877 ...	10	0 0				
	Remitted to Bank 12th June 1877.						
June 13th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	32	0 0				
	E. Howatson, Esqr. ... 10 0 0						
	Mr. W. Franciscas ... 20 0 0						
	,, Vencatacharier ... 2 0 0						
	Rs. 32 0 0						
	Remitted to the Bank 14th June 1877.						
					Amount charged by the Bank for a stamped cheque book supplied on 18th May 1876 ...		1 9 0
				1877 Mar. 10th	For a stamp affixed on letter acknowledging receipt of Pass Book ...		0 1 0

Cr.				Dr.
1877		Rs.	A. P.	
June 18th	Received from Captn. Magrath with his letter dated 15th June 1877 ...	20	0 0	
	Deposited in the Bank 19th June 1877.			
June 22nd	Received from Captn. E. D. Shafts with his letter dated 10th June 1877 ...	50	0 0	
	Remitted to Bank 29th June 77.			
July 3rd	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	90	0 0	
	Col. Sankey ... 50 0 0			
	Captn. Van Someren ... 40 0 0			
	Rs. 90 0 0			
	Remitted to the Bank 3rd July 1877.			
July 5th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	43	8 0	
	Dr. Orr ... 12 8 0			
	Major Lindsay ... 20 0 0			
	Mr. J. Garrett ... 10 0 0			
	,, V. Subapatty Modlr. ... 1 0 0			
	Rs. 43 8 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 6th July 1877.			
July 7th	Received from Mr. P. N. Purnaiya, Assistant Commissioner, with his letter dated 5th July 1877 ...	60	0 0	
	Deposited in the Bank 9th July 77.			
July 16th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	12	0 0	
	Mr. E. Hewetson ... 10 0 0			
	,, Venkatachariar ... 2 0 0			
	Rs. 12 0 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 16th July 77.			
July 16th	Subscription received from Col. Sir R. J. Meade with the Extra Assistant Commissioner's letter No. 570 dated 6th July 1877 ...	100	0 0	
	Deposited in the Bank 16th July 1877.			
July 30th	Subscription received from Mr. C. Socbrow, Assistant Commissioner, Shimoga, with his letter No. dated 27th July 77. ...	12	0 0	
	Deposited in the Bank 30th July 1877.			
Aug. 8th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	77	0 0	
	Col. R. H. Sankey ... 50 0 0			
	L. Rice, Esq. ... 25 0 0			
	Mr. Samiah, pleader ... 2 0 0			
	Rs. 77 0 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 8th August 77.			
Aug. 9th	Subscription received from Col. Sir. R. J. Meade with his letter dated 4th August 1877 ...	100	0 0	
	Deposited in the Bank 9th August 77.			
Aug. 9th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	17	8 0	
	Dr. Orr, C. B. ... 12 8 0			
	Mr. Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0			
	Rs. 17 8 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 10th August 77.			
Sept. 7th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	162	8 0	
	Col. Sir R. J. Meade with his letter dated 1st September 1877 ... 100 0 0			
	Col. R. H. Sankey ... 50 0 0			
	Dr. Orr, C. B. ... 12 8 0			
	Rs. 162 8 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 8th September 77.			
Sept. 8th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	66	0 0	
	Col. J. L. Pearse ... 50 0 0			
	,, Lindsay ... 10 0 0			
	Mr. S. B. Kristnasamy Iyengar... 3 0 0			
	,, B. Kristniengar ... 1 0 0			
	,, Samiah ... 2 0 0			
	Rs. 66 0 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 8th September 77.			
Sept. 18th	Subscription received from Major H. M. S. Magrath with his letter dated 15th September 1877 ...	20	0	
	Deposited in the Bank 18th September 77			

Cr.				Dr.			
1877		Rs.	A. P.			Rs.	A. P.
Oct. 5th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	73	8 0				
	Col. Pearse ... 50 0 0						
	Dr. Orr ... 12 8 0						
	Mr. Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0						
	,, Hemajee Row ... 3 0 0						
	,, Kristnasawmy Iyengar ... 3 0 0						
	Rs. 73 8 0						
	Deposited in the Bank 5th October 1877.						
Oct. 8th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	150	0 0	1877			
	Col. Sir. R. J. Meade ... 100 0 0						
	B. L. Rice, Esqure ... 50 0 0						
	Rs. 150 0 0			Oct. 15th	President's cheque No. 4-100504 issued in favour of Mr. C. Putman, for work executed to the Mayo Town Hall as to his receipt dated 15th October ...	5,000	0 0
	Deposited in the Bank 8th October 1877.			,, 20th	To stamp on letter of acknowledgment ...	0	1 0
Nov. 8th	Subscription received from Col. Sir R. J. Meade with his docket dated 2nd November 1877 ...	106	0 0	June 29th	To exchange on cheque drawn by Capt. De Shafts on Madras ...	0	4 0
	Deposited in the Bank 13th November 77						
Nov. 9th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	52	0 0				
	B. L. Rice, Esq. ... 25 0 0						
	Mr. Samiah ... 2 0 0						
	E. Hewetson, Esq. ... 10 0 0						
	C. Waters, Esq. ... 15 0 0						
	Rs. 52 0 0						
	Deposited in the Bank 13th November 77.						
Nov. 12th	Subscription received from Mr. A. Coopoosawmy Moodr. ...	10	0 0				
	Deposited in the Bank 13th November 77.						
Nov. 15th	Subscription received from Mr. Vencatacharier ...	2	0 0				
	Deposited in the Bank 10th December 77.						
Dec. 7th	Subscriptions received from the following gentlemen ...	88	0 0				
	Col. Pearse ... 50 0 0						
	Mr. Rice ... 25 0 0						
	,, Thumboo Chetty ... 5 0 0						
	,, Ramanjiengar ... 1 0 0						
	,, Samiah ... 2 0 0						
	,, Kristnasamy Iyengar ... 3 0 0						
	,, Hemajee Row ... 2 0 0						
	Rs. 88 0 0						
1878	Deposited in the Bank 10th December 77.			1878			
January 5th	Subscription collected from Col. Pearse...	50	0 0	Feb. 6th	President's cheque No. 5—100505 in favour of the Ex-Engineer, Bangalore Kolar Division, for Timber supplied to the Mayo Town Hall (Vide Ex-Engineer's) letter No. 165—273, dated 4th February 1878 ...	780	12 0
,, 23rd	Do. from Sabaputty Moodr. ...	1	0 0				
	,, ,, Coopoosawmy Moodr. ...	5	0 0				
	Rs. 56 deposited in the Bank 25 Jany. 78.						
Feb. 13th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	37	0 0				
	L. Rice Esq. ... 25 0 0						
	Mr. Coopoosawmy Moodr. ... 5 0 0						
	,, Venkatacharrier ... 2 0 0						
	,, Kristnasawmy Iyengar ... 3 0 0						
	,, Samiah ... 2 0 0						
	Rs. 37 0 0						
	Sent to Bank 15th February 1878.			March 9th	President's cheque No. 6—100506 in favour of Major Frazer, Ex-Engineer, for work executed to the Mayo Town Hall by Mr. Putman ...	3,000	0 0
March 14th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	52	0 0				
	Col. J. L. Pearse ... 50 0 0						
	Mr. Vencatacharry ... 2 0 0						
	Rs. 52 0 0			April 9th	President's cheque No. 7—100507 in favour of the Ex-Engineer, Bangalore Kolar Division, on account of flat tiles obtained for the Mayo Town Hall from the Agent, Mercantile Mission, Mangalore. Vide docket to Suptdg. Engineer, Bangalore, No. 159 dated 9th April 1878 ...	288	3 8
	Deposited in the Bank 27th March 1878.						
April 24th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	13	0 0				
	Mr. Hewetson ... 10 0 0						
	,, Venkacharier ... 2 0 0						
	,, Ramanjacharier ... 1 0 0						
	13 0 0						
	Do. for Mr. Samiah ... 2 0 0	2	0 0	May 6th	President's cheque No. 8—100508 dated 6th May 1878 in favour of the Ex-Engineer, Bangalore Kolar Division, on account of Angle Iron supplied by Messrs. Nicol & Co., for Mayo Town Hall. Vide docket to Suptdg. Engineer No. 160 dated 6th May 1878 ...	310	1
	Rs. 15 0 0						
May 7th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen ...	57	0 0				
	Col. Pearse ... 50 0 0						
	Mr. Kristnasawmy Iyengar ... 6 0 0						
	,, Ramanjacharier ... 1 0 0						
	Rs. 57 0 0			May 14th	President's cheque No. 9—100509 dated 14th May 1878 in favour of the Supdtg. Engineer, Roads and Buildings, on account of Iron Columns, Timber &c. supplied for the Mayo Town Hall. Vide docket to Suptdg. Engineer No. 164 dated 14th May 1878 ...	6,156	4 8
	Forwarded to Bank 9th May 1878 No. 72.						

Cr.			Rs. A. P.	Dr.		Rs. A. P.
1878 June 7th to 20th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen			1878 May 20th	President's cheque No. 10—10510 dated 20th May 78 in favour of the Ex-Engineer, Bangalore, in payment of Railway charges for Angle Iron and balance due to Mr. Putman for work done to the Mayo Town Hall up to 5th Feby. 1878 ...	1,433 11 0
	Col. Pearse ...	50 0 0				
	Mr. Thumboo Chotty ...	5 0 0				
	Major Stewart ...	10 0 0				
	Mr. Srecneevasacharier, Pleader	16 0 0				
	,, Ramanjacharier ...	1 0 0				
	,, Coopoosawmy Moodr, ...	5 0 0				
	,, Venkatvordiongar, Police Assistant ...	2 0 0		Aug. 9th	President's cheque No. 11 dated 9th August 1878 in favour of Ex-Engineer, Bangalore Division, on account of the value of Timber supplied from the Palace stock to Mr. Putman for the Mayo Town Hall. Vide docket to Ex-Engineer No. 169 dated 9th August 1878 ...	612 7 7
	Rs.	89 0 0	89 0 0			
	Sent to the Bank 28th June 1878.					
July 30th	Received from B. L. Rice, Esqr., being the funds of the Bowring Institute handed over to the Mayo Memorial Fund ...		5,310 11 4	Aug. 9th	President's cheque No. 12 dated 9th August 1878 in favour of the Suptdg. Engineer, Roads & Buildings Branch, Bangalore, on account of work executed to the Mayo Town Hall by Mr. Putman up to 16th July 1878. Vide docket to Chief Engineer No. 170 dated 9th August 1878 ...	1,511 8 7
	Madras Banks receipt No. 29-422 dated 30th July 1878.					
August 7th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen					
	Col. Pearse ...	50 0 0				
	Dr. Henderson ...	60 0 0				
	Mr. Garrett ...	30 0 0				
	Major Stewart ...	10 0 0				
	Mr. Ragavachar ...	6 0 0				
	,, Ramasawmy Iyengar ...	3 0 0				
	Major Stewart ...	10 0 0				
	Coopoosawmy Moodr. ...	5 0 0				
	Mr. Hewetson ...	5 0 0				
	Rs.	179 0 0	179 0 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 14th August 1878.			Sep. 14th	President's cheque No. 13 in favour of the Ex-Engineer, Bangalore Division, on account of Timber supplied to Mr. Putman for the Mayo Town Hall from the Palace stock. Vide docket to Ex-Engineer No. 172 dated 14th September 1878 ...	692 6 7
Sept. 19th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen					
	Major Stewart ...	10 0 0				
	E. Howetson, Esqr. ...	5 0 0				
	Mr. M. Ramrow ...	2 0 0				
	,, Ramanjacharry ...	1 0 0				
	,, B. Ramasamy Iyengar ...	1 0 0				
	Rs.	19 0 0	19 0 0			
	Deposited in the Bank 20th September 78					
Oct. 22nd & Nov. 7th	Subscriptions collected from the following gentlemen					
	Col. Stewart ...	10 0 0				
	B. Ramasamy Iyengar ...	2 0 0				
	Mr. Thumboo Chetty ...	5 0 0				
	Col. Stewart ...	10 0 0				
	Mr. Amoorthalingum Moodr. ...	2 0 0				
	Rs.	29 0 0	29 0 0			
	Sent to the Bank 8th May 1878.			1879		
				Jany. 9th	President's cheque No. 14 in favour of the Ex-Engineer, Bangalore Division, on account of Timber brought to the site of the Mayo Hall by Mr. Putman. Vide Ex-Engineer's docket No. 2189—3197 dated 13th December 1878 ...	700 0 0
						26,915 6 2
					Balance in Madras Bank...	3,437 10 2
	Total Rs...		30,353 0 4		Total Rs...	30,353 0 4
				Jany. 22nd	President's cheque No. 15 in favour of the Ex-Engineer, Bangalore Division, on account of Trnsses supplied to the Mayo Hall by Mr. Putman. Vide Ex-Engineer's docket No. 19-82 dated 15th January 1879 ...	252 8

No. 179, dated Bangalore, the 4th February 1879.

From—The President of the Central Committee, Mayo Town Hall.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

In pursuance of a Resolution of the Committee of Mayo Memorial Hall on the occasion of a meeting held at the Hall itself on the 21st ultimo, I have the honour to transmit for the Chief Commissioner's consideration an original estimate received from Major Bowen and a statement received from Mr. Hudson.

The former shews that the building will cost rupees 20,000 more in round numbers to complete and the latter shews that there is not quite rupees 3,200 in hand.

As Mr. Gordon was himself for such a long time President of the Committee it is unnecessary for me to enter into details. And in submitting the Resolution of the Committee which was verbal, and simply to the effect

that I should as President request the Local Government to take over the building and the balance available, I would only draw attention to the fact that the movement originated with the Local Government that the project was one in which Government was interested as well as individuals; that Government officers estimated for the building and planned it and that it has been carried out under the supervision of the P. W. Department.

In the course of the proceedings of the 20th of July 1874 the President of the Municipal Commission suggested a grant of rupees 10,000 from the Municipality; and the aid of both the Madras and Mysore Governments towards the completion of the project were points which seemed so certain as really not to need discussion. I trust therefore in submitting the wish of the Committee to be relieved of further responsibility in respect of this building, by placing the balance available at the disposal of the Local Government, that the Chief Commissioner will deem the action of the Committee correct and suitable.

A little more than rupees *5,000, was placed at the credit of the Committee by Mr. Rice on the 30th of last July from the Bowring Fund.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my resignation of the position of President of the Committee as I am about to leave India.

The accounts have been verified and compared and have been found to be accurately correct.

Abstract Account of the Mayo Memorial Fund.

Receipts.	Rs.	A.	P.	Disbursements.	Rs.	A	P.
Amount collected by the President of the Central Committee, Mayo Memorial Fund, from 1st June 1872 to 21st March 1876 (including interest received from the Madras Bank	20,773	13	0	Amount paid from 18th May 1876 up to 9th January 1879 on account of work executed to the Mayo Town Hall and for timber &c., supplied	26,813	7	2
				Miscellaneous Expenses ...	101	15	0
				Total.....	26,915	6	2
Amount collected by Mr. Hudson, Honorary Treasurer, Central Committee Mayo Memorial Fund, from November 1876 to end of December 1878 (including a sum of Rs. 5,310—11—4 being the funds of the Bowring Institute) ...	9,579	3	4	In deposit in the Madras Bank...	3,437	10	2
					252	8	0
					3,185	2	2
Total.....	30,353	0	4	Total.....	30,353	0	4

Bangalore, 20th January 1879.

H. HUDSON, Treasurer to Committee.

J. ROZARIO, Head Clerk, Judicial Commissioner's Office.

8th January 1879.

My dear Pearse,

"In re" Mayo Hall—I find that the building will cost altogether Rs. 49,209 to complete thoroughly and well. I enclose abstract of estimate. Some of the items might be reduced somewhat and there are certain savings on others, but it would be unwise to count on them at present. In fact I would recommend your saying the work will, all told, come to Rs. 50,000.

The accounts to date are as follows:—

Money granted	...	...	Rs. 29,587
Expended ...	...	...	,, 25,498

Unspent ... 4,089 which will soon be worked up to when the roofing is finished. We may say then that we require from Government Rs. 20,000. It might be well for you to ask Hudson to verify above figures.

Yours sincerely,
C. BOWEN.

* Rs. 5,310—11—4.

Abstract Estimate of the expense of constructing the Mayo Hall at Bangalore, as actually to be carried out upon the Revised Design.

No.	Items of work	Per	Rate	Quantity	Cost
1	Earthwork excavation	Cft.	0 0 ¾	20240	79
2	Do Filling basement	„	0 0 1½	19200	150
3	Stone in chunam basement ...	„	0 2 9	4476	769
4	Do do superstructure ...	„	0 2 10	14605	2,586
5	Flooring	Sq.	4 8 0	38	171
6	Mouldings	Rft.	0 2 0	1600	200
7	Cornices	„	0 3 6	1142	250
8	Do large	„	0 6 0	533	200
9	Door and window mouldings ...	„	0 6 0	1013	380
10	Plastering	Sq.	4 0 0	375·00	1,500
11	Iron pillars	No.	380 8 0	12	4,566
12	Erecting iron pillars	„	23 12 0	12	285
13	Teakwood wrought and put up ...	Cft.	3 8 0	1855	6,492
14	Flooring first floor (teakwood beards) ...	Sq.	59 0 0	26·50	1,325
15	Terracing	„	28 0 0	18·40	515
16	Parapet walls	Rft.	1 0 0	110	110
17	Doors and windows	Sft.	1 8 0	3050	4,575
18	Staircase	No.	400 0 0	2	800
19	Wood-oiling	Sq.	1 8 0	99·00	148
20	Painting	„	9 0 0	44·40	400
21	Composition to keep off whiteants ...	„	4 0 0	133·00	532
22	Brick in chunam (table made) ...	Cft.	3 6 0	17422	4,008
23	Do archwork ...	„	0 4 6	371	104
24	Stone in chunam filling in foundations ...	„	0 2 6	16580	2,591
25	Stone slabs	„	0 4 0	1026	257
26	Do	„	0 6 0	355	133
27	Archwork	Cft.	0 4 0	536	134
28	Do circular	„	0 5 0	611	191
29	Cornice work	Rft.	0 12 0	278	208
30	Mouldings and cornice to pedestals ...	„	0 6 0	280	105
31	Do do ...	„	0 4 0	74	18
32	Do cornice interior	„	0 6 0	74	28
33	Do do exterior	„	1 8 0	320	480
34	Do do do	„	1 0 0	94	94
35	Do do do	„	0 4 6	102	29
	Total carried over.....	...	...	...	34,413

No.	Items of work	Per	Rate	Quantity	Cost
	Total brought forward ...	...	...	...	34,413
36	Parapets	Rft.	1 4 0	100	125
37	Do	„	1 0 0	122	122
38	Corinthian column with pedestals entablature complete	No.	50 0 0	40	2,000
39	Pillasters	„	25 0 0	58	1,450
40	Ionic column	„	75 0 0	8	600
41	Pillasters	„	30 0 0	4	120
42	Do small	„	18 0 0	34	612
43	Do do	„	7 0 0	12	84
44	Do do	„	9 0 0	22	198
45	Bay windows	„	60 0 0	8	480
46	Do	„	100 0 0	2	200
47	Terracing	Sq.	28 0 0	15·01	420
48	Roofing with Mangalore tiles ...	„	35 0 0	28·92	1,012
49	Trusses	No.	230 10 0	8	1,845
50	Do queen posts	„	0 0 0	0	0
51	Coved ceiling with planks painting &c...	Sq.	50 0 0	31·16	1,558
52	Zinc gutters	Rft.	0 12 0	220	165
53	Copper piping roof drainage ...	„	2 8 0	160	400
54	Ridge ventilating windows... ...	Sft.	1 0 0	100	100
55	V section drain	Rft.	0 6 0	441	165
56	Whitewashing...	Sq.	0 3 0	90·00	17
57	Paint and ornament in the interior ...	Item	400 0 0	1	400
58	Exterior ornament	„	300 0 0	1	300
59	Rustic work	„	80 0 0	1	80
	Total Rupees...				46,866
	Add, contingencies at 5 per cent...				2,343
	Grand Total Rupees...				49,209

Bangalore,
December 1878.

MAJOR R. E.
Executive Engineer, B. Division.

J. D. Gordon, Esq., (President, Mayo Memorial Fund), No. 2 a/c in account current with the Bank of Madras.

Dr.

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1876							1876							
May	18	To Stamped Cheque Book	...	1	9	0	May	18	By Memo (D. R. 24-28)		20,773	13	0
	19	,, 1 H. Hudson	...	2,101	7	6	Novr.	17	,, Memo	...	262	8	0
Octr.	31	,, 2 do	...	100	0	0		20	,, do	...	140	0	0
Decr.	21	,, 3 do	...	4,276	15	0		23	,, do	...	150	0	0
	31	,, Balance	...	15,319	13	6	Decr.	4	,, do	...	200	0	0
								9	,, do	...	140	8	0
								20	,, do	...	133	0	0
				21,799	13	0							
											21,799	13	0
1877							1877						
March	8	To stamp on letter of acknowledgment.		0	1	0	Jany.	1	By Balance	...	15,319	13	6
								8	,, Memo	...	200	0	0
								9	,, do	...	200	0	0
								10	,, do	...	135	8	0
								11	,, do	...	50	0	0
								16	,, do	...	26	0	0
							Feby.	9	,, do	...	114	8	0
							March	6	,, do	...	72	8	0
								12	,, do	...	150	0	0
							April	11	,, do	...	128	8	0
							May	9	,, do	...	223	0	0
							June	9	,, do	...	61	8	0
								13	,, do	...	10	0	0
June	29	To exchange on cheque on Madras...		0	4	0							
	30	,, Balance	...	16,793	0	6			,, do	...	32	0	0
								19	,, do	...	20	0	0
								29	,, do	...	50	0	0
				16,793	5	6							
											16,793	5	6
Octr.	15	To C. Putman	...	5,000	0	0	July	1	By Balance	...	16,793	0	6
	20	,, stamp on letter of acknowledgment	...	0	1	0		4	,, Memo	...	90	0	0
Decr.	18	,, balance transferred to credit of Col. J. L. Pearse	...	13,028	15	6		6	,, do	...	43	8	0
								9	,, do	...	60	0	0
								16	,, do	...	112	0	0
								30	,, do	...	12	0	0
							Augt.	8	,, do	...	77	0	0
								9	,, do	...	100	0	0
								10	,, do	...	17	8	0
							Septr.	8	,, do	...	228	8	0
								18	,, do	...	20	0	0
							Octr.	5	,, do	...	73	8	0
								8	,, do	...	150	0	0
							Novr.	13	,, do	...	162	0	0
							Decr.	10	,, do	...	90	0	0
				18,029	0	6							
											18,029	0	0
Decr.	31	To Balance to New account	...	13,028	15	6	Decr.	18	By J. D. Gordon, Esq.		13,028	15	6
				13,028	15	6							
											13,028	15	6
1878							1878						
Feby.	19	To 5 Executive Engineer, Bang. Kolar Divn.		730	12	0	Jany.	1	By Balance	...	13,028	15	6
April	13	,, 7 ,, ,, Kolar ,,		288	3	8		25	,, Letter	...	56	0	0
	26	,, 8 Major Fraser	...	3,000	0	0	Feby.	15	,, do	...	37	0	0
May	10	,, 8 Executive Engineer, Bang. Kolar Divn.		310	1	0	March	27	,, do	...	52	0	0
	20	,, 9 Supg. Engineer, Roads and Buildings Br.		6,156	4	3	May	9	,, H. Hudson	...	72	0	0
	23	,, 10 Ex. Engineer, Bang. Divn. ...		1,433	11	0	June	29	,, Letter	...	89	0	0
Augt.	16	,, 12 Supg. ,, Roads & Buildings Br.		1,511	3	7	July	30	,, B. L. Rice	...	5,310	11	4
	28	,, 11 Executive Engr. Bang. Divn.		612	7	7	Augt.	14	,, Letter	...	179	0	0
Septr.	24	,, 13 ,, do.	...	692	5	7	Septr.	21	,, Memo	...	19	0	0
Decr.	31	,, Balance	...	4,137	10	2	Novr.	14	,, do	...	23	0	0
				18,872	10	10							
											18,872	10	10
1879							1879						
Jany.	13	To 14 Ex. Engineer, Bangalore	...	700	0	0	Jany.	1	By Balance	...	4,137	10	2
	27	,, 15 ,, do. ,,	...	252	8	0							

BANK OF MADRAS,
Bangalore, 18th January 1879.

To

Col. J. L. Pearse, President, Mayo Memorial Fund.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to hand you your Pass Book, having your No. II Account with the Bank written up for the year ending 31st December 1878, balance due by the Bank, of that date, Rs. 4,137—10—2, the correctness of which I will thank you to acknowledge, as per letter annexed.

I remain,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. A. GOULD,
Agent.

Genl. No. 179, dated Bangalore, the 4th February 1879.

From—Colonel J. L. Pearse, President of the Central Committee, Mayo Town Hall.
To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

Forwards, for Chief Commissioner's consideration, an original estimate, received from Major Bowen, for the completion of the Mayo Town Hall; and a statement received from Mr. Hudson, shewing the balance in hand. Requests the Local Government to take over the building and the balance available. Tenders his resignation of the position of President of the Committee.

Genl. No. 30—213, dated Bangalore, the 4th February 1879.

From—The Agent, Bank of Madras.
To—W. J. Cuningham, Esq., M. C.

I beg to enclose a receipt for Rs. 3,185—2—2 being the balance at credit of the Mayo Memorial Fund, transferred to the credit of "The General Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore".

Cheques should be signed accordingly, on account, Mayo Memorial Fund.

BANK OF MADRAS.

No. 30—415.

Bangalore, 4th February 1879.

Received from the General Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore rupees three thousand one hundred and eighty-five annas two and pies two for the credit of his (Mayo Memorial Fund) Current Account with the Bank of Madras.

Rs. 3,185—2—2.

EDWD. SHAW,
Ag. Accountant.

R. Narainasawmy Pillay,
Cashier.

Genl. No. 9913—370, dated Bangalore, the 6th February 1879.

From—The Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.
To—The Agent, Madras Bank, Bangalore Branch.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 30—213 of the 4th instant giving cover to a receipt for Rs. 3,185—2—2,

being the balance at debit of the Mayo Memorial Fund, transferred by Colonel J. L. Pearse to the credit of the General Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

Genl. No. 10547—1354, dated Bangalore, the 15th February 1879.

From—The Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The Superintending Engineer, P. W. Department.

I am directed to inform you that the cash balance at credit of the Mayo Memorial Hall, Rs. 3,185—2—2, has been made over by the retiring President of the Committee to the Local Government, and that bills to that amount will be paid by the Secretary.

2. There being no further funds available, the Chief Commissioner sees no way to meet any additional outlay on this account, and I am desired to request that the expenditure on the building should not exceed the balance now in hand, and however it would be advisable to expend that balance in placing the hall in such a state as it could safely be left, pending the supply of additional funds.

Genl. No. 1372, dated Bangalore, the 26th May 1879.

From—The Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

To—The Secretary to Chief Commissioner, General Department.

His No. 10547—1354 of the 15th February 1879, informing that the cash balance at credit of the Mayo Memorial Hall has been made over by the retiring President of the Committee to the Local Government etc.

With reference to the above, has the honor to forward copy of docket No. 120—1061 of the 20th instant from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division, with bills referred to, and to request the Secretary will be good enough to remit the amount to Executive Engineer for payment to Mr. Putman. As it seems unlikely that the building will be finished for some years, which is a great pity, would suggest that the Chief Commissioner be moved to make a small grant, say Rs. 50, from the Civil Budget, "Reserve Miscellaneous," for the purpose of securing the building to some extent, from weather and damage.

Genl. No. 120—1061, dated Bangalore, the 20th May 1879.

From—The Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.

To—The Assistant to Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

1. Has the honour to forward a contract certificate with measurements shewing an amount, due in cash to Mr. Putman, of Rs. 3,184—15—8 which it is requested may be paid out of the funds obtained from the Mayo Hall Committee at an early date.

2. Return of the enclosed papers is requested at convenience.

Genl. No. 2424—447, dated Bangalore, the 17th June 1879.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

His No. 1372 dated 26th May 1879 forwarding a bill for Rs. 3,184-15-8 on account of work done to the Mayo Memorial Hall.

Returns the enclosures and forwards a cheque for Rs. 3,184-15-8 payable to the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.

Genl. No. 8773—1738, dated Bangalore, the 28th February 1880.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The President, Bangalore Town and Cantonment, M. T.

1. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to address you on the subject of the completion of the Mayo Memorial Hall in this town.

2. As you are aware, responding to a call from the Central Committee of the Mayo Memorial Fund in Calcutta, Sir R. Meade, when Chief Commissioner of this Province, summoned a general meeting on the 1st May 1872 when a committee was formed and subscriptions were invited. Numerous suggestions were received from different districts as to the form which Mysore's memorial should take, but finally it was decided to build a Hall in Bangalore.

3. The subscriptions which were raised, amounting to Rs. 25,042-5-0, were augmented by a sum of Rs. 5,310-11-4 collected on account of a projected memorial to Mr. Bowring. The total sum thus rendered available Rs. 30,353-0-4 has been expended, the committee which had the management of the funds and the building has dissolved, and the building in its unfinished state has been handed over to the charge of the local administration.

4. About Rs. 15,000 are still required to finish the hall. (I have accordingly to Chief Commissioner's order consulted Major Bowen about this and find the estimate has been reduced and 15,000 is well within the mark).

5. It was anticipated that the Governments of Madras and Mysore would contribute largely to the completion of the building but, I am to say, it does not appear likely that any aid can be looked for from the Madras Government; it is Mr. Gordon thinks to the Bangalore Municipality that we should now look for the means to complete the hall.

6. Mr. Gordon understands that you have funds set aside for the special purpose of building or purchasing a municipal office, and in 1874 you promised on behalf of the municipality 10 to 12 thousand rupees towards the memorial building, if it could be made available for municipal purposes; now it appears to Mr. Gordon that in the probable future of this town, the municipality could find no more suitable office than the Mayo Hall which when completed would form an admirable Hall for municipal meetings, and indeed in its lower storey, for municipal offices. The erection of some small buildings adjoining, for records, would complete the requirements.

7. Mr. Gordon desires me therefore to suggest to you the desirability of the municipality finishing the hall, in which case the Mysore Government would be prepared to contribute an additional sum for furnishing it. The hall would then be placed in the charge of the municipality with the stipulation that it would ever be free for purposes of a public nature, such as public meetings. The proceeds of letting the hall to private bodies or persons, for meetings or entertainments would go to the municipality, and Mr. Gordon anticipates that, with judicious management, the outlay which the municipality is now asked to make would not only confer a lasting and great public benefit upon Bangalore, but would, in the long run, prove a judicious speculation to the municipality itself.

No. 2971, dated Bangalore, the 2nd March 1880.

From—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 8773—G 1738 dated 28th ultimo relating to the completion of the Mayo Memorial Hall and to the allotment of funds from the amount set aside for the construction of municipal offices and with reference thereto I beg you will be so good as to furnish me with a copy of the original plan and estimate for the work in question to enable me to bring the same before the next meeting.

Genl. No. 8891—1781, dated Bangalore, the 5th March 1880.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.
To—The Superintending Engineer in Mysore.

Requests he will obtain from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division, the original plan and estimate of the Mayo Memorial Hall and forward the same to this office.

No. 1195, dated Bangalore, the 18th March 1880.

From—The Superintending Engineer of Mysore.
To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

His docket No. 8891—1781, dated 5th instant, requesting that the original plan and estimate of the Mayo Memorial Hall might be obtained from Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division, and forwarded to him.

In forwarding the undermentioned drawings in connection with the above building informs that the estimates for the same are with Mr. Haldwell, Municipal Executive Engineer.

II. Will be glad to be informed if it is under consideration to transfer the completion of this work to the Municipality, as undersigned is under the impression that the work already done has not been finally settled for, and that the former contractor has still some lien upon the work.

Memo of Drawings.

1	Original tracing of ground plan and side elevation.	
1	Paper plan of ground plan.	
1	Tracing of cross section of hall.	
1	Working drawing of portico arches.	
1	do.	of trusses.
1	do.	of joint of principal rafters on tie beam
1	do.	of pinnacle over the roof.
3	do.	of iron fittings to wood works.
1	do.	of top of Corinthian cornice.
1	do.	of cross section of hall in paper plan.
1	do.	of partition wall interior.
1	do.	of coping and ornamental panels.
1	do.	of pediments.
1	do.	of large cornice.
1	do.	of scarf for the tie beams of trusses.
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Genl. No. 9357—1882, dated Bangalore, the 23rd March 1880.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.
To—The Superintending Engineer in Mysore.

His docket No. 1195, dated 18th March 1880, forwarding drawings in connection with the Mayo Memorial Hall.

Acknowledges receipt of the drawings and forwards, with reference to para. 2 of the above, copy of this office letter No. 8773—1738, dated 28th February 1880, addressed to the President, Bangalore Town and Cantonment Municipal Commissions, asking the Municipality to finish the work, and states that the decision of the Municipality is not yet known.

Genl. No. 9358—1883, dated Bangalore, the 23rd March 1880.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

His letter No. 2971, dated 2nd March 1880, asking for copies of the original plan and estimate of the Mayo Memorial Hall.

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*1	Original tracing of ground plan and side elevation.	
1	Paper plan of ground plan.	
1	Tracing of cross section of Hall.	
1	Working drawing of portico arches.	
1	do.	of trusses.
1	do.	* of principal rafters on tie beam.
1	do.	of pinnacle over the roof.
1	do.	of iron fittings to wood work.
3	do.	
1	do.	of top of Corinthian cornice.
1	do.	of cross section of Hall in paper plan.
1	do.	of partition wall interior.
1	do.	of coping and ornamental panels.
1	do.	of pedimonts.
1	do.	of large cornice.
1	do.	of scarf for the tie beams of trusses.
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Forwards 17 drawings as noted in the *margin in connection with the Mayo Memorial Hall, and states that the estimates are said to be with Mr. Haldwell, Municipal Executive Engineer.

No. 89, dated Bangalore, the 12th April 1880.

From—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore,

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 8773—G. 1738, dated 28th February 1880, relating to the completion of the Mayo Memorial Hall by the Municipality the charge being provided for from the funds set aside for the construction of a Municipal Office and in reply I beg to submit the enclosed resolution of the Municipal Commissioners on the subject and to request you will be so good as to submit the same to the Chief Commissioner and obtain his orders on the several points embodied in the Resolution.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Cantonment Municipal Commission, dated 23rd March 1880.

MEMORIAL HALL.

7. READ:—Letter No. 8773—G. 1738, dated 28th February 1880, from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, suggesting the completion by the Municipality of the Mayo Memorial Hall the charge being met from the funds set aside for the construction of a Municipal Office.

Resolution.—The Commissioners consider it desirable that before the present proposal can be accepted they should be informed as to whether the Local Government, considering the circumstances under which the Mayo Memorial Hall was brought into existence viz., by public subscriptions, is now prepared to make over the building as the sole property of the Municipality. Further, the Commissioners would wish to be informed with reference to the sum contributed by the Bowring Memorial Committee whether there is any stipulations made with that Committee as to any portion of the Mayo Hall being reserved for the Literary Institute. The Commissioners would beg to point out that among the records of the Municipal Office are many valuable and important papers whose loss would not only entail great inconvenience to the Municipality but to the public at large and they consider therefore that the location of a public library in the same premises as that occupied by the Municipal Office is an arrangement very undesirable and one that cannot meet with their approval.

General No. 453—130, dated Ootacamund, the 16th April 1880.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

In reply to your letter No. 89 dated 12th instant, submitting for consideration the Resolution of the Municipal Committee on the subject of the completion of the Mayo Memorial Hall, I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to say that the hall will be made over to the Municipality to be its property solely, on the understanding that the public have a right to it free for meetings held with a proper purpose, and the Municipality will be left to determine whether a purpose is proper or not. It is understood, I am to say, that one room on the ground floor is to be available for purposes of a public library in return for the sum of Rs. 5310-11-4 contributed by the Bowring Institute Committee, but as it was contemplated in my letter No. 8773—1738, dated 28th February 1880, that a separate building be erected in the grounds for the Municipal Record Room, the location of the public library in the Hall need not endanger in the least the safety of the records. But if the Municipal body consider that the presence of the public library is an insuperable objection to holding office in that building, I am to suggest that you might communicate with Mr. L. Rice and most probably by paying back the amount of the Bowring Institute contribution, you could obtain the use of that room too.

The matter should be dealt with promptly and settled with as little delay as possible, and I am to remark that nearly 2 months have elapsed since the receipt of my letter to which you have now replied, and that the objections now taken by the Municipality to the proposals contained in it are met and answered in the letter itself.

Genl. No. 228, dated Bangalore, the 23rd April 1880.

From—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

His docket No. 450—G. 130, dated 16th current, passing orders on letter from the President on the subject of the Mayo Memorial Hall.

With reference to the above, has the honor to report that the above mentioned docket will be laid before the Municipal Commissioners at a special meeting convened to assemble on the 1st proximo and their decision thereon will be duly furnished.

Genl. No. 432, dated Bangalore, the 12th May 1880.

From—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 453—G 130, dated 16th April 1880, relating to the transfer to the Municipality of the Mayo Memorial Hall and directing its early completion from the funds set apart by the Commissioners for a Municipal Office and in reply I beg to enclose a copy of the Proceedings of the Cantonment Municipal Commission on the subject and to request you will do me the favor of submitting the same to the Chief Commissioner and obtain his orders on the several points therein indicated as also the payment by Government to the Bowring Memorial Fund of the sum of Rs. 5,310-11-4 contributed by its Committee with the object of securing a portion of the ground floor of the building for locating the library thereon.

In consideration of the heavy outlay that will have to be incurred by the Municipality for the completion of the Hall and for the combination of out offices &c., I trust that the recommendation of the Municipal Commissioners for the exemption of the above charge will meet with the favorable consideration and approval of the Chief Commissioner.

On receipt of early instructions, measures will be at once adopted for proceeding with the work an estimate for which is now in course of preparation by the Municipal Executive Engineer.

No. 2.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Cantonment Municipal Commission held at their Office premises No. 12, Residency Road, on Saturday, the 1st May 1880 at 7-30 a. m.

PRESIDENT.

Doctor J. H. Orr, C. B.—Present.

Present.	*Absent.*
The Assistant Quarter Master General, My. Division.	The Executive Engineer, N. Division.
Mr. P. Rauju Moodliar.	The District Engineer.
Captain P. Curley.	The District Superintendent of Police.
Mr. Abdul Kuduskkajee Saib.	The Town and Cantonment 2nd Magistrate.
Mr. Mahomed Saliha.	Mr. V. Sadasiva Moodliar.
Major General C. G. Ottley.	Mr. Standish Lee.
	Mr. Abdul Hussain Saib.
	Mr. A. R. Sabapathy Moodliar.
	Mr. B. Ramalingum.
	Mr. T. T. Leonard.
	Mr. G. G. Brown.

Read :—Letter No. 453— G. 130, dated 16th April 1880, from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore relating to the Mayo Memorial Hall,

Resolution :— There not being a sufficient number of Commissioners present to form a quorum, it is resolved that the meeting be adjourned till Wednesday, the 5th instant, at 7-30 a. m.

Sd. J. H. ORR,

President, Cantonment Municipal Commission.

No. 3.

Proceedings of an adjourned special meeting of the Cantonment Municipal Commission held at their Office premises No. 12, Residency Road, on Wednesday, the 5th May 1880 at 7-30 a. m.

PRESENT.

Doctor J. H. Orr, C. B.—President.

Present.	*Absent.*
The Assistant Quarter Master General, My. Division.	The Executive Engineer, Nndy. Division.
Mr. P. Rauju Moodliar.	The District Superintendent of Police.
Mr. Standish Lee.	The District Engineer.
Mr. Abdul Hussain Saib.	The Town and Cantonment 2nd Magistrate
Captain P. Curley.	Mr. V. Sadasiva Moodliar.
Mr. Abdul Kuduskkajee Saib.	Mr. G. G. Brown.
Mr. Mahomed Saliha.	
Mr. B. Ramalingum.	
Mr. T. T. Leonard.	
Major General C. G. Ottley.	

The President having read the letters from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner No. 8773—.G1738, dated 28th February and No. 453—G.13 dated 16th April 1880, General Ottley observed that he had now repeatedly visited and inspected the Mayo Hall premises and he was of opinion that the building with certain alteration and additions could be made admirably suitable for

municipal offices. As it was intended that the entire upper story should be reserved for public purposes be considered it a sine qua non that the whole of the lower story should be placed at the disposal of the municipality and that it would be necessary also that out offices should be constructed and for which the large compound attached to the premises fortunately furnished ample space.

Mr. Lee enquired whether in addition to the amount now required for the completion of the building, there was any outstanding balance due to the late contractor and which the municipality might be expected or called upon to make good; he added that according to a rough computation made by him he calculated that the expenditure to be incurred in the completion of the building, the erection of out offices and compound wall, the purchase of furniture etc. would amount to fully rupees 30,000, and he wished to know whether the municipality were in a position to make good so large an outlay. The President replied that in the abstract estimate of the amount required to complete the building furnished to him no mention was made of any outstanding balance due to the late contractor and he took it for granted therefore that no liability of this nature really existed.

Captain Curley remarked that he believed that with a due exercise of economy a considerable saving might be effected in the several items of expenditure connected with the completion of the building and he enquired whether it was intended that the building should be made over as it now stands to be completed at the cost and under the direction of the municipality or whether the work necessary for its completion would be carried out by Government. The President replied that the intentions of Government on this point were not definitely expressed but from the tenor of Mr. Cunningham's two letters he was of opinion that Government intended that the completion of the hall should be carried out by the Municipality.

Mr. Leonard said that it would save much correspondence and tend to a speedy settlement of this question were the Commissioners to state clearly and explicitly their views in the matter and the conditions under which they were prepared to take over the building, that from the letters read to the meeting it was evident that Government wished and were prepared to make over the hall to the municipality and he would propose that Government should now be informed that the municipality would take it over on following distinct conditions. That the municipality should not be responsible for any liabilities incurred and due up to date on account of work done by the late contractor, that the building be made over as it now stands to be completed under the charge of the municipality and that in consideration of the large expenditure that would have to be incurred in furnishing and making the building suitable for municipal offices the Chief Commissioner might be pleased to relieve the municipality from making good the amount required to be refunded to the Bowring Institute.

The President said that having consideration to the conditions under which the money now held in deposit by the municipality was permitted by Government to be accumulated and bearing also in mind the fact that this municipality was not financially independent of Government he was of opinion that they were not in a position nor would it, he considered, be becoming on their part to dictate to Government the terms and conditions under which they were prepared to take over the hall as proposed by Mr. Leonard, and he considered that they should confine themselves to a simple expression of what their views and wishes were, and which expression of opinion he was quite sure would meet with every consideration at the hands of the Chief Commissioner. The President's suggestion seemed to meet the general approval of the Commissioners present and after some further discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved:— That Government be informed that the Commissioners are prepared to take over the Mayo Hall on the conditions proposed by the Chief Commissioner *viz.* that it be made over to the municipality to be its property solely, on the understanding that the public have a right to it for meetings held for a proper purpose.

The Commissioners understand from the correspondence that has passed on the subject that Government intend that the hall should be made over to the municipality as it at present stands free of all liabilities that may be due to the former contractor, or other parties and that the municipality will be entrusted with the carrying out of the work still remaining for the completion of the building. They beg to point out that to render the premises at all suitable for municipal offices it will not only be necessary to exclude therefrom the Bowring Institute but to erect in addition a suitable range of out offices; they trust therefore that in consideration of the heavy outlay that they will thus have to incur the Chief Commissioner may be pleased to relieve the municipality from making good the amount of the Bowring Institute contribution.

Sd. J. H. ORR,

President, Cantonment Municipal Commission.

Genl. No. 3164—G. 825, dated Bangalore, the 30th July 1880.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 432, dated 12th May 1880, forwarding the Board's proceedings Nos. 2 & 3 on the subject of the completion of the Mayo Memorial Hall.

2. Under the peculiar circumstances in which the hall is now situated it seems to the Chief Commissioner that it could not be put to a better purpose than that of a Town Hall and Municipal Office and Mr. Gordon is glad to find that the Commission readily accept the building and the responsibility of completing it.

3. The Chief Commissioner is willing to refund the sum of Rs. 5,310-11-4 which was contributed by the Bowring Memorial Fund and so relieve the Municipality from the necessity of providing accommodation in the hall for a Public Library or any other foreign institution. That sum will be paid from Government Funds to the Bowring Memorial Committee.

4. In the matter of completing the main building the Chief Commissioner directed me to say that the contractor who has carried it out so far will be permitted to finish it under the direction of Major Bowen who will be directed to use the utmost practicable speed and economy; and for this purpose you are requested to place a sum of Rs. 10,000 at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

5. There are several reasons against taking the work away from the contractor and handing it over for completion by the Municipality and Mr. Gordon does not know of any counterbalancing argument in favour of that plan. The contractor has executed his work so far satisfactorily, and in the absence of any reason to find fault with him he has a good claim to complete it; besides there are many items of work in addition to what has been finished, passed and paid for, which are partially carried out, which have not been paid for and which are not included in the account of work done and paid for. It would be a work of extreme difficulty and complication to determine what should be paid on account of these unfinished items, whereas, when the same contractor completes them, their cost is easily ascertained; moreover in the first statement of the work done and its cost these unfinished items are included in the balance of work to be done and their cost in the balance of money to be paid, so that no more expenditure than was at first represented has to be incurred.

6. For the provision of out houses necessary as record rooms and for laying out the ground adjacent to the building, the Chief Commissioner wishes to be furnished with plans and estimates for approval.

No. 1780, dated Bangalore, the 6th August 1880.

From—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3161—825, dated 30th ultimo, relating to the Mayo Memorial Hall and in reply I beg to inform you that agreably to the instructions therein conveyed a cheque for the sum of rupees 10,000 (ten thousand) was yesterday 5th instant forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Mysore, and the Municipal Executive Engineer has been directed to draw up and submit plans and estimates for the out offices proposed to be constructed contiguous to the hall and the same will on completion be forwarded for the approval and sanction of the Chief Commissioner.

Genl. No. 4337, dated Bangalore, the 21st August 1880.

From—The Assistant Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, General Department.

This office No. 1195, dated 18th March 1880, forwarding certain drawings in connection with the Mayo Memorial Hall.

Has the honor to request the return of the drawings forwarded with the above, with any other papers in connection with the project, there may be now in the General Secretary's Office.

No. 3925—1006, dated Bangalore, the 24th August 1880.

From—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

Requests he will forward the drawings relating to the Mayo Memorial Hall sent with this office docket No. 9358—G. 1883, dated 23rd March last, to the Superintending Engineer in Mysore who has asked for them.

No. 3926—D. 617.

*From—The Hony. Secty., Mayo Memorial Fund, to the Ch. Comr., dated 19th March 1872.
To—Mr. R. L. Mangles, dated 19th April 72.
From—Judl. Comr., No. 63, dated 16th Jany. 73.
To—Hony. Secy., Mayo Memorial Fund, No. 6024—476, dated 29th Jany. 1873.
From— Do Do dated 7th February 73.
From— Do Do dated 6th May 73.
From—President, Central Committee, Mayo Memorial Fund, No. 75, dated 16th June 1873.
Ch. Comr.'s Pro. No. 879—G. 186 dated 20th May 73
From—President, Mayo Memorial Committee, No. 75 dated 16th June 1873.
Ch. Comr.'s, Pro. No. 1535—G. 299, dated 23rd June73.
From—Col. J. L. Pearse No. 179, dated 4th Feby. 79.
(with 9 enclosures).
From—Agent, Bank of Madras, No. 30—213, dated 4th Feby. 1879.
To— Do No. 9913—370, dated 6th Feby 79.
To—Supg. Engr., No. 1057—1354, dated 15th Feby. 79.
From— Do No. 1372, dated 26th May 79.
To— Do No. 2424—447, dated 17th June 1879.

Copy to the Assistant Superintending Engineer with reference to his No. 4337, dated 21st August 1880. The papers noted in the margin on the project of Mayo Memorial Hall are *forwarded herewith, in original, to be returned when no longer required.

No. 936.

To—Secretary, General Department.

Seen and returned with thanks.

C. BOWEN, MAJOR,
Asst. Suptg. Engineer of Mysore.

10—3—81.

Genl. No. 1944, dated Bangalore, the 25th August 1880.

From—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

Referring to his Docket No. 3925—1006, dated 24th instant, requesting the return of the drawings of Mayo Memorial Hall furnished to this office

with Secretary's No. 9358—1883, dated 23rd March last, to the Superintending Engineer, the undersigned has the honour to state that the plans above referred to have this day been forwarded to the Assistant Superintending Engineer on a reference from that officer for the same.

No. 3496, dated Bangalore, the 4th February 1881.

From—The President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, Bangalore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

Referring to para 6 of your letter No. 3161—Gl. 125, dated 30th July 1880, I have the honour to submit herewith an estimate and plan of the proposed additional building contiguous to the Mayo Memorial Hall amounting to rupees 6,960 and to request you will be so good as to obtain the Chief Commissioner's early sanction for the same and to the cost being met from the deposits of land sale account.

No. 1098, dated Bangalore, the 21st March 1881.

From—The Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department.

Forwards copy of memo by Major C. Bowen, R. E., Assistant Superintending Engineer of Mysore, in the proposed additional building contiguous to Mayo Memorial Hall.

Memo by Major C. Bowen, R. E., Assistant Superintending Engineer of Mysore, on the proposed additional building contiguous to Mayo Memorial Hall.

Plan and estimate for proposed additional buildings for the Municipality, contiguous to the Mayo Hall, have been transferred by General Secretary to this office for opinion on the project.

The estimate has been increased by check in this office from Rs. 6,960 to Rs. 7,148, although I have been able to reduce somewhat the scantling of woodwork.

The design has been prepared, it is stated, to harmonize with the Mayo Hall; I hardly think it does so. It is a low building and over-ornamentation of its front should be avoided, and I think there are some architectural mistakes in it. However, this is so much a matter of individual taste I do not like to offer any definite suggestion about it. The Board might like one thing: I might like another.

As regards matters of detail, I would recommend upper ventilation to all the rooms. I would prefer to have the doors wider—say 4 feet instead of 3½ feet. The entrance archway should with its gable be repeated on the yard side of entrance. Otherwise it will be an awkward looking roof at this end and easily damaged. Provision should be made for letting the drainage out under left side of the quadrangle. Down-pipes required for the terraced roofs. The porches as designed would be and look better with Bengal terraced instead of terraced roofs. Matting ought to be estimated for—it is sure to be required.

Mr. Haldwell has given me a plan of the site, on which is shewn the proposed position of the block of buildings. The exact eventual position appears to me to require consideration. I would feel inclined to place them directly in rear of the Mayo Hall—a little way off, and then the block might not be made an exact rectangle, but one side might run parallel to Library.

Bangalore,
19th March 1881.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, MAJOR R. E.,
Asst. Suptg. Engineer of Mysore.

No. 1098.

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT,
CENTRAL OFFICE.
Bangalore, 21st March 1881.

MEMO.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Chief Commissoner of Mysore, General Department, with reference to his endorsement dated 5th ultimo.

II. Papers herewith returned.

J. M. JOHNSON, COLONEL,
Superintending Engineer of Mysore.

D. O. dated 17th March 1881.

From—M. Haldwell.
To—Major Bowen, R. E., Assistant Suptg. Engineer.

I beg to send you the survey plan of the ground of the Mayo Hall with positions of buildings, &c.

Gl. No. 71—17, dated Bangalore, the 8th April 1881.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.
To—The President of the Municipal Commission of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

I am directed by the Resident to return to you the plan and estimate of the proposed Municipal offices to be built near the Mayo Hall, with the survey of the ground and a copy of Major Bowen's note.

2. With Major Bowen's suggestions I am to say Mr. Gordon agrees and the estimate as altered is sanctioned: the work may be carried out. But the suggested alteration in the site does not commend itself to Mr. Gordon. He would prefer the building being made an exact rectangle and being placed where it is shewn in the ground plan. The ground to the back of the Hall Mr. Gordon thinks should be left vacant.

3. If the Municipal Committee agree in this view the matter may be considered settled but if after seeing Major Bowen's suggestion they should wish the site to be straight behind the hall, I am to request you to address the Resident on the subject again.

D. O. dated 4th May 1882.

From—L. Rice, Esqr.
To—Major Wylie.

Would you kindly direct a copy to be sent to me of the order passed by the Chief Commissioner of Mysore by which the Mayo Memorial Hall was handed over to the Bangalore Municipality, on condition of their completing the building for use as a Town Hall and Municipal Office, and refunding the amount of the Bowring Memorial Fund to the Literary Institute which under these arrangements could not be accommodated in the building? Sir James Gordon requested me to obtain copy of the order from you. I think it must date about 4 or 5 years ago.

Bangalore, dated the 20th May 1882.

From—L. Rice, Esqr., President, Literary Scientific Institute.

To—Major H. Wylie, C. S. I., Assistant to the Resident for Mysore.

I have the honour, with reference to para 3 of the late Mysore Chief Commissioner's Order No. 3164—G. M. 825, dated the 30th July 1880, to request that the Resident may be pleased to direct that the amount of Rs. 5,310—11—4 representing the Bowring Memorial Fund may be replaced at my disposal, on behalf of the Literary and Scientific Institute. I would further state that previous to its transfer by me on the 30th of July 1878 to Colonel Pearse, the Chairman of the Mayo Hall Committee, for the purpose of furthering the joint scheme then in contemplation, this sum was from year to year gaining additions by the interest accruing on it as a fixed deposit; under these circumstances, I would urge a claim to interest upon the sum for the period during which it has been at the disposal of the public to aid in carrying out a plan of general utility.

No. 514—205, dated Bangalore, the 3rd June 1882.

From—The Assistant Resident, Mysore.

To—The Comptroller of Mysore.

With reference to the accompanying copy of a letter dated 20th May last from Mr. L. Rice, President of the Literary and Scientific Institute, Bangalore, I am desired to request you will be so good as to favour the Officiating Resident with your opinion as to the source from which the sum of Rs. 5,310—11—4 referred to is now to be met.

2. From the enclosed extract of a letter from the (late) Chief Commissioner to the President Municipal Commission, it will be seen that the sum in question was intended to have been met from "Government Funds" and not from Municipal income.

No. 641, dated Bangalore, 6th June 1882.

From—The Comptroller of Mysore.

To—The Assistant Resident, Mysore.

In reply to your letter No. 514—205 of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to say that if the proposed payment of Rs. 5,310—11—4 to the Literary and Scientific Institute was intended to be made by the Mysore Government, I am of opinion that it may appropriately be charged to the revenues of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore as a Government grant to the Mayo Town Hall.

Proceedings of the Resident in Mysore.

Read letter No. 3164—G. 825, dated 30th July 80, from the Secretary to the (late) Chief Commissioner of Mysore to the President, Municipal Commission, Bangalore, stating that the Chief Commissioner is willing to refund the sum of Rs. 5,310—11—4 contributed by the "Bowring Meorial Fund" towards the construction of the "Mayo Town Hall" and so relieve the Municipality from providing accommodation in the Hall for a public library or any other foreign institution and that that sum will be paid from Government funds to the Bowring Memorial Committee.

Letter dated 20th May 1882 from the President, Literary and Scientific Institute, Bangalore, requesting that the amount of rupees 5,310—11—4 representing the "Bowring Memorial Fund" may be replaced at his disposal in behalf of the Literary and Scientific Institute and urging a claim to interest upon the sum for the period during which it has been at the disposal of the public.

Letter No. 641 dated the 6th June 1882 from the Comptroller in Mysore reporting that if the proposed payment of Rs. 5,310—11—4 to the Literary Institute was intended to be made by the Mysore Government it may be appropriately charged to the Revenues of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore as a Government grant to the Mayo Town Hall.

ORDER No. 644-45—258, DATED THE 20TH JUNE 1882.

The Officiating Resident sanctions the disbursement of the above sum of Rs. 5,310—11—4 with interest at 4 per cent per annum from date of

advancement. The amount will be chargeable to the revenues of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

2. The Comptroller in Mysore will suggest the particular budget head from which the amount can be met.

To B. L. Rice, Esq.,
President, Literary and Scientific Institute.
,, The Comptroller in Mysore.

No. 883, dated Bangalore, the 23th June 1882.

From—The Comptroller in Mysore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident, Bangalore.

With reference to para 2 of the Resident's Proceedings No. 611—258 of the 20th instant, I have the honor to state that the sum of rupees 6,140—2—5 authorised to be refunded to the President, Literary and Scientific Institute, on account of the Bowring Memorial Fund, has been entered in the Budget of the Civil and Military Station of 1882—83 by this office under '25 Miscellaneous' as a grant to the Mayo Memorial Town Hall.

Principal ...	5,310—11—4
Interest at 4% from 30th July 1878 to 24th June 1882	829—7—1
	6,140—2—5

A receipt for the amount has been received from the President, Literary and Scientific Institute, and passed for payment.

No. 2615, dated Bangalore, the 25th January 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to enclose a survey plan shewing the premises occupied by the Mayo Memorial Hall and the ground attached thereto, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of the Resident to a grant being made out for the same in the name of the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

No. 2420—110, dated Bangalore, the 3rd February 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.
To—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

1. With reference to your letter No. 2615 dated 25th ultimo, I am directed to state that the Resident approves of a deed of grant being made out vesting the Mayo Memorial Hall in the Municipal Commissioners of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and to point out that a *provision to the effect that the public will have a right to the building free for meetings held for a proper purpose, should be inserted in the document.

2. I am to request that a grant may be carefully prepared and submitted to the Resident for approval.

3. The survey plan received with your letter under reply is herewith returned.

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* Vide letter from the Secretary to the late C. C. of Mysore, General Department, to the President, Cantonment Municipal Commission, No. 453—130, dated 16th April 1880, and the President's reply thereto.

No. 2546, dated Bangalore, the 16th February 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No. 2420—110 dated 3rd February 1883. I have the honor to forward for approval and early return a draft grant of land and buildings known as the "Mayo Memorial Hall" in favour of the President, Municipal Commission, for the time being with the required conditions entered on the back of grant.

I request that you will be so good as to inform me if the value of the stamp on this grant is to be determined on the assumed value of the land *viz.*, Rs. 4,451 at the rate of 4 annas per square yard or on the value of the land and buildings *viz.*, Rs. 56,451.

If the draft of grant is approved of by the Resident in Mysore the drawings of the land and buildings as shewn in the plan received with your letter under reply will be endorsed on the grant.

Grant of Land in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, by the Resident at the Court of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore.

By the authority of the Government of India vested in me Resident at the Court of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore, I do hereby make a grant of the under described ground and the building standing thereon known as the Mayo Memorial Hall situated within the Municipal limits of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore in the territory of Mysore unto the President and Members of the Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for the time being to be held by them and their successors in office, subject to the Rules and Restrictions in force in the said Territory.

DESCRIPTION.

This registered plot of land and building standing thereon situated in South Parade Road, bearing Municipal No. A2-14, and measures as per plan endorsed

From A to B „	From G to H 57¾ Feet	From N to O 104¼ Feet
„ B „ C „	„ H „ J 285½ „	„ O „ P 104 „
„ C „ D 24½ Feet	„ J „ K 20 „	„ P „ R 223 „
„ D „ E 120½ „	„ K „ L 197 „	„ R „ S 43 „
„ E „ F 20 „	„ L „ M 20 „	„ S „ T 97 „
„ F „ G 253 „	„ M „ N 182½ „	„ T „ C 259½ „

The Annual Rent payable to the Government on this land is Rupees } Nil
And the amount of Merasse Dues is ... ... Rupees }

Total... Nil.

Given under my hand and seal at Bangalore, this day of

Resident at the Court of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore.

Registered as No. in the Register kept at the Municipal Office of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION, CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION OF BANGALORE.

President of the Muni. Comn., Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

MEMO.

This grant is issued on the conditions expressed in the Chief Commissioner's No. 8773—G. 130, dated 28th February and No. 453—G. 180, dated 16th April 1880, and the Boards Proceedings No. 3, dated 13th May 1880, that the Mayo Memorial Hall has been made over to the Municipality to be its property solely, on the understanding that the public have a right to the upper story of the building free, for meetings held for a proper purpose. The Municipality determining whether the purpose for which the building is applied for is proper or not.

Resident at the Court of
His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore.

It is recommended that this grant be registered in the proper office.

No. 109—6, dated Bangalore, the 13th April 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The President, Municipal Commission, C. & M. Station of Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No. 2546, dated 16th February 1883, I am directed to request you will be so good as to furnish this office with any information that may be available in your office to show how the site upon which the Mayo Memorial Hall has been erected was obtained on account of that building.

No. 110—49, dated Bangalore, the 13th April 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—E. Sidney Smith, Esq., Advocate, Bangalore.

I am directed to forward herewith copy of a letter No. 2546, dated 16th February 1883 from the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and with reference to its 2nd paragraph, to request you will be so good as to state the value of the stamp that will be required for the Deed of Grant of the Mayo Memorial Hall which, as you are aware, is now under preparation.

No. 162, dated Bangalore, the 18th April 1883.

From—E. Sidney Smith, Esqr.

To—Major H. Wylie, C.S.I., Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Re. The Mayo Memorial Hall.

In reply to your letter dated the 13th instant No. 110—49, I beg to inform you that in my opinion the real consideration for the conveyance of the Mayo Hall to the Municipal Commissioners being the amount expended by them on its completion and the cost of the out buildings, the proper *ad valorem* stamp duty on the conveyance ought to be calculated on the amount so spent; but, as the question is not free from some doubt, I would advise that either the conveyance be engrossed on a stamp which will cover the entire value of the building including the out-offices, or that a stamp sufficient to cover the total amount spent by the Municipality be used in the first instance, and after the execution of the conveyance, the opinion of the Collector be taken as to the sufficiency, or otherwise, of the stamp as provided for in section 30 of the General Stamp Act.

No. 124, dated Bangalore, the 19th April 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Referring to your letter No. 109—6, dated 13th instant, requesting to be furnished with any information that may be available to show how the site upon which the Mayo Memorial Hall has been erected was obtained, I have the honor to state that on a reference to a map of Bangalore endorsed by the Assistant Quarter Master General on the 6th August 1869 the piece of ground referred to is found to be shown as belonging to Government and this land was it is presumed made over to the Committee for the erection of the building known as the Mayo Memorial Hall.

No. 212—10 Enc. 2, dated Bangalore, the 27th April 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.
To—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

1. With reference to your letter No. 2546, dated 16th February last, I am directed to forward herewith the draft of an indenture prepared under the orders of the Resident, for conveying the land and buildings known as the Mayo Memorial Hall to the Municipal Board of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and I am to request that the same may, if approved of by the Municipal Commissioners, be engrossed on stamp paper of the proper value, and submitted for Sir James Gordon's signature at an early date.

2. With reference to the question of the stamp referred to in the 2nd paragraph of your letter under reply, I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Municipal Board copy of a letter No. 162, dated 18th instant, from Mr. E. Sidney Smith, Advocate, containing an expression of his opinion in the matter, and to state that it appears to the Resident that the last of the alternatives suggested by Mr. Smith, had better be adopted *viz.*, that a stamp sufficient to cover the amount spent by the Municipality be used in the first instance, and after the execution of the conveyance, the opinion of the Collector be taken as to the sufficiency of the stamp.

No. 393—Enc. 2, dated Bangalore, the 21st May 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to submit for the seal and signature of the Resident and for registry in his office the indenture for the Mayo Memorial Hall duly stamped and prepared in accordance with the draft form furnished with your letter No. 212—10, dated 27th ultimo.

No. 493—28, dated Bangalore, the 11th June 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.
To—The President, Municipal Commission, C. & M. Station of Bangalore.

I am directed to forward herewith the draft deed of grant of the Mayo Memorial Hall received with your letter No. 393, dated 21st May 1883, duly signed by Sir James Gordon and sealed with the seal of the Resident, and to request that, in accordance with the last sentence of the deed, the common seal of the Municipal Commissioners may be affixed thereto, and the document returned to this office. On receipt from your office, the document will be forwarded to the Collector (Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore) to decide the question of the amount of stamp duty payable thereon.

No. 576 & 2 enc., dated Bangalore, the 13th June 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Agreeably to the instructions conveyed in your letter No. 493—28, dated 11th instant, I have the honor to return the Draft Deed of Grant of the Mayo Hall, the common seal of the Municipal Commissioners having been duly affixed thereto as directed.

No. 527—258, dated Bangalore, the 19th June 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.
To—The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

I am directed to forward herewith an indenture executed on the 6th instant by the President (Sir James Gordon) conveying the land and buildings known as the Mayo Memorial Hall to the Municipal Commissioners of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and to request you will be so good as to give your opinion, under section 30 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1879, whether the stamp duty of Rs. 225 paid for the instrument is sufficient. I am to inform you that the stamp now used has been calculated on the amount spent by the Municipal Board towards the completion of the building, which is the real consideration for the conveyance in question; but as there is some doubt that the stamp duty payable should perhaps cover the entire value of the building (including lands and out-offices), the present reference is made. The value of the land and buildings is reported by the President, Municipal Commission, to be Rs. 56,451.

No. 297, dated Bangalore, the 21st June 1883.

From—The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 527—258, dated 19th instant, giving cover to an indenture and plan, and to state, in reply, that under section 30 of the Stamp Act, a fee of Rs. 5 has to be paid before I can give my opinion as to the amount of stamp duty to which the document under consideration is liable.

No. 570—34, dated Bangalore, the 22nd June 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.
To—The President, Municipal Commission, C. and M. Station of Bangalore.

His letter No. 576, dated 13th June 1883.

Has the honor to request he will be so good as to forward to this office Rs. 5, being the fee payable, under section 30 of the Stamp Act, for obtaining the Deputy Commissioner's opinion as to the sufficiency of the stamp used for the indenture regarding the Mayo Memorial Hall.

2. A copy of the Bangalore Deputy Commissioner's letter No. 297, dated 21st instant, is herewith forwarded.

No. 672, dated Bangalore, the 25th June 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, C. and M. Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

His No. 570—34, dated 22nd instant, requesting to forward ..., being the fee payable to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, for his

opinion as to the sufficiency of stamp used for the indenture regarding the Mayo Memorial Hall.

Has the honor to forward herewith Rs. 5 in payment of the above and to request that the receipt of the amount may be acknowledged at his earliest convenience.

No. 653—318, dated Bangalore, the 28th June 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

With reference to your letter No. 297, dated the 21st instant, I am directed to forward herewith Rs. 5 (five), being the fee prescribed by section 30 of the Stamp Act, for your opinion as to the sufficiency of the stamp used for the indenture regarding the Mayo Hall, and to request you will be so good as to acknowledge receipt of the same.

No. 340, dated Bangalore, the 3rd July 1883.

From—The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 653—318, dated 28th ultimo, together with 5 rupees, I have the honor to state that the document in question is not, in my opinion, of the nature of a "*conveyance", nor can the amount spent by the Civil and Military Station Municipality in the improvement of the "Mayo Memorial Hall", be taken as the "real consideration" for it. The transfer of the building to the Municipality with Rs. 5,000 for furniture, partakes more of the nature of "Gift", and is accordingly subject to stamp duty under article 36 of Schedule I of the Stamp Act I of 1879. If the valuation made by the President of the Municipal Board (i. e. Rs. 56,451) is to be considered as correct, representing the total value of land, buildings, etc., then Rs. 5,000 granted for furniture should be added to it. It will thus amount to Rs. 61,451 for which, the proper stamp duty is Rs. 615. The document already bears a stamp for Rs. 225; the remainder, therefore, of Rs. 390 has yet to be paid on it.

No. 1153—540, dated Bangalore, the 25th August 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

I am directed to request you will be so good as to return to this office the indenture regarding the Mayo Memorial Hall forwarded to you with my letter No. 527—258, dated 19th June last, as the officiating Resident has decided upon referring the question of the stamp duty payable on the document, to the Court of the Chief Judge in Mysore under Section 46 of the Stamp Act, 1879.

No. 574, dated Bangalore, the 29th August 1883.

From—The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

Assistant Resident's No. 1153—540 of the 25th instant.

Has the honor to return, herewith, the indenture regarding Mayo Memorial Hall, received with his No. 527, dated 19th June 1883.

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* Vide clause 9 of Section 3 of Stamp Act.

Value of Stamp Paper Rupees 225.

This Indenture made the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty three between James Davidson Gordon, Knight Commander of the Star of India and British Resident in Mysore of the one part and the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore of the other part. Whereas in order to perpetuate the memory of the late Lord Mayo, Governor General of India, subscriptions amounting to rupees 25,042-0-5 or thereabouts were raised from the Public in the Mysore Province by a Central Committee for the purpose of erecting a suitable building to be called The Mayo Memorial Hall which should be available for all meetings of a public nature and whereas a site for erecting the said Mayo Memorial Hall was granted by the late Chief Commissioner of Mysore, and whereas the Committee of the Bowring Memorial Fund contributed a further sum of rupees 5,310-11-4, or thereabouts, towards the erection of the said Mayo Memorial Hall, on condition that accomodation should be provided in the said Mayo Memorial Hall for the Bangalore Literary and Scientific Institution, and whereas the erection of the said Mayo Memorial Hall was supervised by the Officers of the Mysore Department of Public Works, and whereas the said Central Committee being unable for want of sufficient funds to complete the said Mayo Memorial Hall, handed over the same unreservedly to the late Chief Commissioner of Mysore together with the balance of the funds in their hands amounting to rupees 3,185—2—2, or thereabouts and whereas it was agreed by, and between the late Chief Commissioner, and the late Municipal Commissioners for the Cantonment of Bangalore (*sic*) should out of their own funds complete the said Mayo Memorial Hall, on the condition that the same should be made over to them as their absolute property subject nevertheless to the proviso that it should be available to the public for all meetings of a public nature, and that the late Chief Commissioner should refund to the Committee of the Bowring Memorial Fund the said sum of rupees 5,310—11—4, which has accordingly been done, and whereas the said Municipal Commissioners for the Cantonment of Bangalore, and their successors in office, the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, have at a cost of rupees 15,259—0—0, or thereabouts, completed the said Mayo Memorial Hall, besides erecting at a further cost of rupees 7,018—6—11 or thereabouts suitable out-offices for the same and whereas the said James Davidson Gordon has made a grant of five thousand rupees to the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, for the purpose of furnishing in a suitable manner the upper story of the said Mayo Memorial Hall for public meetings. Now this indenture witnesseth, that in pursuance of the said agreement and for the consideration hereinbefore mentioned, and the covenants hereinafter mentioned to be faithfully observed and performed by the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, the said James Davidson Gordon doth hereby grant and convey to the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore all that building commonly called or known by the name of the Mayo Memorial Hall with the out-buildings and grounds thereto belonging, situated on South Parade Road in Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and bearing Municipal Door No. A-2—14 and which premises are bounded:—on the North by South Parade Road; on the South by Residency Road; on the East by Ball Room Police Station, and on the West by Mrs. Fitz Gibbon's property and measuring from C to D 24½ feet; D to E 120½ feet; E to F 20 feet; F to G 253 feet; G to H 57¾ feet; H to J 285½ feet; J to K 20 feet; K to L 197 feet; L to M 20 feet; M to N 182½ feet; N to O 104½ feet; O to P 104 feet; P to R 223 feet; R to S 43 feet; S to T 97 feet; and T to C 259½ feet.

The whole comprising an area of (3) three acres, (27) twenty-seven goontas and (17) seventeen square yards together with all liberties, privileges, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining or hitherto held or occupied therewith or reputed to belong or be appurtenant thereto and all the estate right title interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the said James Davidson Gordon in and to be the said premises and every part thereof. To have and to hold the hereditaments and premises hereby

granted or expressed so to be unto and to the use of the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and their successors in office for ever subject nevertheless to the covenant hereinafter mentioned to be faithfully observed and performed by the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and the said James Davidson Gordon doth hereby for himself and his successors in the office of Resident in Mysore covenant with the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and their successors in office that the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and their successors in office shall and may so long as they faithfully observe and perform the covenant hereinafter mentioned peaceably and quietly possess and enjoy the said hereditaments and premises and receive the rents and profits thereof without any lawful eviction, interruption, claim or demand whatsoever from or by the said James Davidson Gordon or his successors in the office of Resident in Mysore or any person or persons lawfully or equitably claiming from or under him or them and further that he the said James Davidson Gordon and his successors in the office of Resident in Mysore shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter at the request and cost of the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and their successors in office do and execute or cause to be done and executed all such acts deeds and things whatsoever for further and more perfectly assuring the said hereditaments and premises and every part thereof unto and to the use of the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and their successors in office in manner aforesaid as shall or may be reasonably required and the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore do hereby for themselves and their successors in the office of the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore covenant and agree with the said James Davidson Gordon and his successors in the office of the Resident in Mysore, that they will at all times hereafter keep the said Mayo Memorial Hall and the grounds thereto belonging in good repair and tenantable order and that the upper story of the Mayo Memorial Hall suitably furnished shall at all proper and reasonable times be available to the public for all meetings of a public nature free of any charge for the use of the same and that in the event of their being at any time, any doubt or dispute as to any or what meetings are of a public nature in the same shall be determined by the Resident in Mysore for the time being:

In witness whereof the said James Davidson Gordon hath hereunto set his hand and the seal of his office this sixth day of June, one thousand-eight hundred and eighty three and the said Municipal Commissioners for the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore have caused their common seal to be hereunto affixed.

(Signed) J. D. GORDON,
Resident in Mysore.

Signed in the presence of

A. M. Branfoot, Surgeon, Madras, Medical Department.
H. Wylie, Major, Assistant Resident in Mysore.

Signed by E. P. Maltby, President, Municipal Commission, C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

" R. P. Campbell, Municipal Commissioner, No. 1 Dn., C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

" A. R. Sabapathy Moodr., Municipal Commissioner, No. Dn., C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

" J. A. Gow, Municipal Commirsioner, No. Dn, C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

In the presence of J. De. Conceeio, The Reporter, Daily Post.

Presented on the 3rd of October '83 at 2 p. m. in the office of the Special Sub-Registrar, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, by the under-signed holder.

(Signed) E. P. MALTBY,
President, Municipal Commission.

The undersigned is satisfied as to the genuineness of this deed purporting to have been duly signed and executed by J. D. Gordon, K. C. S. I., Resident in Mysore.

(Signed) A. B. BRIDE,
Special Sub-Registrar.

Registered as No. 686 of No. 1 Vol. 61 pages from 168 to 179. Fees received Rupees fifty-six only. 4th October 1883.

Genl. No. 1335, dated Bangalore, the 11th September 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.
To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

This office No. 393, dated 21st May 1883, submitting for the seal and signature of the Resident and for registry in his office the indenture for the Mayo Memorial Hall duly stamped and ending with Resident's Docket No. 661—41, dated 29th June 1883 acknowledging the receipt of Rs. 5 being Collector's fees for opinion as to the sufficiency of the stamp &c.

Has the honor to invite his attention to the correspondence above referred to and to solicit the favor of an early return of the indenture duly registered.

No. 1314—615, dated Bangalore, the 12th September 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.
To—The Registrar of the Chief Court in Mysore.

I am directed by the officiating Resident to forward herewith an indenture executed by Sir James Gordon as Resident in Mysore conveying the Mayo Memorial Hall and its premises to the Municipal Commissioners of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and to request the favor of the Chief Judge's decision, under section 48 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1879, regarding the amount of stamp duty payable on the document.

2. The facts of the case are as follows:—

Soon after the death of Lord Mayo, late Viceroy and Governor General of India, subscriptions were raised in Mysore for the erection of a Public Hall to perpetuate his memory. The sum of Rs. 25,042—0—5 was raised by the Central Committee in Bangalore appointed for the purpose, and this amount was supplemented by a contribution of Rs. 5,310—11—4 from the Bowring Memorial Fund towards the erection of the said hall on condition that accommodation should be provided therein for the Bangalore Literary and Scientific Institute. Before the completion of the building, however, the Central Committee found that the amount in their hands was insufficient for the purpose and they handed over the uncompleted building unreservedly to the late Chief Commissioner of Mysore together with the balance of the funds in their hands amounting to Rs. 3,185—2—2. It was then arranged between the late Chief Commissioner and the late Municipal Commissioners for the Cantonment of Bangalore, that the last named body should complete the hall out of their own funds and that, on completion, the hall should be made over to them as their absolute property, subject however, to the proviso that it should be available to

the public for all meetings of a proper nature, and that the Committee of the Bowring Memorial Fund should have no claim to any portion of the hall. The Municipal Commissioners of the Cantonment of Bangalore accordingly completed the building at a cost to them of Rs. 15,259 and erected outoffices on the premises at a further cost of Rs. 7,018—6—11. The Resident in Mysore (who has succeeded the Chief Commissioner in the administration of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore), on his part, paid up to the Literary and Scientific Institute the contribution made from the Bowring Memorial Fund with interest thereon, so that that institution might have no claim to any portion of the hall; he also made a grant to the Municipality, from the revenues of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, of the sum of Rs. 5,000 for providing suitable furniture for the hall. The Mayo Memorial Hall is now in the possession of the Municipal Commissioners of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and the document forwarded with this letter has been executed by the Resident to make over the hall formally to them.

3. The document has been considered a conveyance under article 21 of Schedule I of the Stamp Act, and written on stamp paper of the value of Rs. 225 calculated on the sum of Rs. 22,277—6—11 expended by the Municipality on the hall, which has been deemed to be the consideration for the transfer of the hall. The Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore to whom the document was sent, under section 30 of the Stamp Act, for opinion as to the stamp duty payable thereon, has given it as his opinion that the instrument is not of the nature of a conveyance, that the amount spent by the Municipality in the improvement of the Mayo Hall cannot be taken to be the real consideration. He also thinks that the transfer of the building to the Municipality with Rs. 5,000 for furniture partakes more of the nature of "Gift", and that the document is therefore subject to stamp duty under article 36 of Schedule I of the Stamp Act. The value of the whole building (including land and out houses) having been estimated to be Rs. 56,451, the Deputy Commissioner adds to it the sum of Rs. 5,000 granted by the Resident to provide furniture for the hall and has held that the stamp duty on the document should be calculated on the total amount, viz, Rs. 61,451. The duty payable according to the Deputy Commissioner is therefore Rs. 615.

4. It appears to the officiating Resident that the Deputy Commissioner is not right in the conclusion at which he has arrived. The circumstances above detailed show clearly that there was no intention to make a gift of the hall to the Municipality. The hall was left in an unfinished state and the Chief Commissioner was at a loss to provide funds for its completion. He then thought of the Municipality and arranged with them to the effect that if they completed the building at their own cost, he would make it over to them with the reservation that the public should have the privilege of using the hall free for meetings of a proper nature. A transfer of property made under such circumstances cannot, Mr. Lyall thinks, be considered a gift. The Resident cannot be held to have made a gift of the whole building when a portion of the money spent by the Municipality on its construction was not his to give away. The circumstances above detailed clearly show that there was an express arrangement to the effect that if the Municipality spent money for completing the building, then and then alone would the Chief Commissioner make over the building to the Municipality. The money spent by the Municipality appears therefore to be clearly the consideration which led the Resident to execute the document now in question, and Mr. Lyall thinks that the main transaction referred to in the document is of the nature of a conveyance, and that stamp duty should be charged only on the amount of the consideration, and this duty is Rs. 225. The proviso made in the instrument to the effect that the Municipal Commissioners shall keep the upper story of the Mayo Memorial Hall suitably furnished and open to the public for meetings of a public nature free of charge is perhaps a transaction distinct from the main one creating a trust in the Municipality on behalf of the public, and as such may be charged separately with the fixed stamp duty of Rs. 15 prescribed for a "declaration of a trust" by article 25, Schedule I of the Stamp Act. This amount may be added to the stamp duty of Rs. 225 mentioned

above, under section 7 of the Act. The Deputy Commissioner charges stamp duty on the Rs. 5,000 granted by the Resident on account of furniture for the hall. The grant of this sum is not made by the document, it was made by an office order of the Resident, the amount has been paid, and has probably been utilized for the purpose for which it was intended. The grant of this amount was simply incidentally mentioned in the deed, among the several circumstances which were connected with the execution of the instrument. Mr. Lyall thinks therefore that the gift of Rs. 5,000 is not chargeable with stamp duty. In the officiating Resident's view therefore the document in question is chargeable with stamp duty to the extent of Rs. 240 (225+15) as above explained.

5. Under the provisions of section 45 of the Stamp Act, the Chief Controlling Revenue authority can dispose of a question like the present one if the Collector feels any doubt in the matter and refers the case to that authority. In the present case the Deputy Commissioner has made no such reference and the officiating Resident feels that he is not competent to pass orders in the matter. Section 46 of the Stamp Act as extended to the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore provides, however, that the Chief Controlling Revenue authority may state any case referred to it under section 45 *or otherwise coming to its notice*, and refer such case to the court of the Chief Judge of Mysore. Under the provisions of this section therefore the officiating Resident refers the present case for the decision of the Chief Judge as it is a peculiar one and the decision given in the matter by the Deputy Commissioner appears to him not supported by the facts of the case.

No. 21, dated Bangalore, the 14th September, 1883.

From—The Registrar of the Chief Court of Mysore.

To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

With reference to your letter No. 1314—615, dated the 12th instant, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to furnish the Chief Judge with a copy of the Deputy Commissioner's opinion in the matter of the amount of stamp duty payable on the indenture, referred to.

No. 1348—102, dated Bangalore, the 17th September 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The President, Municipal Commission, C. & M. Station of Bangalore.

With reference to your docket No. 1335, dated 11th instant, I am directed to inform you that the document relating to the Mayo Memorial Hall has been sent to the Chief Judge of Mysore for his decision regarding the stamp duty payable on it, and that it will be sent for registration soon after it is received from that officer.

No. 1362—634, dated Bangalore, the 18th September 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The Registrar of the Chief Court in Mysore, Bangalore.

As requested in your letter No. 21, dated 14th instant, I am directed to forward herewith copy of a letter No. 340, dated 3rd July last, from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, containing that officer's opinion regarding the stamp duty payable on the document executed by Sir James Gordon conveying the Mayo Memorial Hall to the Municipality of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

IN THE CHIEF COURT OF MYSORE.

No. 22, Bangalore, Friday the 21st day of September 1883.

BEFORE C. G. PLUMER, ESQ., ACTING CHIEF JUDGE.

Referred Case No. 1 of 1883, (Civil and Military Station).

In the matter of a reference by the officiating Resident of Mysore dated the 12th September 1883 under section 46 of Act 1 of 1879.

JUDGMENT.

The officiating Resident of Mysore has referred a case for my decision under section 48 of the Stamp Act 1 of 1879.

I am of opinion that the instrument, the subject of this reference, is properly stamped as a conveyance with a stamp of the value of rupees 225.

The instrument is clearly in the nature of a conveyance which is defined by cl. 9, section 3 of the Act to mean, any instrument by which property whether moveable or immoveable is transferred on sale.

Sale is legally defined to be the transfer of ownership in property in exchange for a price paid or promised or part paid and part promised (see section 54 of the Transfer of Property Act). In this case Sir James Gordon, by the instrument under reference, transferred his ownership in the Mayo Hall to the Municipal Commissioners in exchange for the money expended by them in the completion of the building and in consideration of the said expenditure.

Section 24 of the Stamp Act provides, where any property is transferred to any person in consideration wholly or in part of any debt due to him, or subject either certainly or contingently to the payment or transfer of any money or stock * * * such debt, money or stock is to be deemed the whole or part as the case may be of the consideration in respect whereof the transfer is chargeable with ad valorem duty.

In this case then, the consideration in respect whereof the transfer is chargeable with ad valorem duty is the money expended by the Municipality on the completion of the building &c. I am of opinion that the instrument under reference does not require any additional stamp, other than that already charged on it, *viz.*, rupees 225.

I do not consider that the proviso made in the instrument that the Municipal Commissioners shall keep the upper story of the Mayo Memorial Hall suitably furnished and open to the public for meetings of a public nature free of charge is a transaction distinct from the main one creating a trust in the Municipality on behalf of the public. I look on the said proviso as part and parcel of the main transaction: it is a condition of the transfer imposed by the transferor on the transferee and accepted by the latter as a condition binding on him. By that condition the transferor restricts within certain specified limits the exercise by the transferee of the full right of ownership which he would otherwise have acquired under the transfer, and reserves for the public the use of the hall on all suitable occasions.

An analogous case is the sale of a field reserving a public right of way existing over the field; a sale, *i.e.*, of property subject to existing rights and obligations. Under the very conditions under which the hall was built, the public had certain rights in the building.

In the deed under reference, those rights are specifically defined and the transfer is made subject to those rights.

The instrument under reference should in my opinion be considered as a conveyance only and as such in my opinion it is correctly stamped with a stamp of the value of rupees 225.

(Signed) C. G. PLUMER,
Acting Chief Judge.

"Copy"
S. HAMAJEE ROW,
Registrar.

No. 1408—106, dated Bangalore, the 25th September 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The President, Municipal Commission, C. & M. Station of Bangalore.

I am directed to forward herewith the indenture relating to the Mayo Memorial Hall executed by the Resident, Sir James Gordon, and to request that the same may be presented for registration at the office of the Sub-Registrar of the Civil and Military Station. The time fixed by S. 23 of the Registration Act for the presentation of the document expires on the 5th October 1883.

I am also to forward herewith for your information copy of the judgment of the Chief Judge as to the sufficiency of the stamp duty already paid on account of the document.

No. 1409—658, dated Bangalore, the 25th September 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your docket No. 574, dated 29th August 1883, I am directed to forward herewith for your information copy of a judgment delivered by the Chief Judge of Mysore on a reference made by the officiating Resident on the subject of the stamp duty payable on the indenture executed by Sir James Gordon conveying the Mayo Hall to the Municipality of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

No. 1635, dated Bangalore, the 24th October 1883.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the instructions conveyed in your letter No. 1403—106, dated 26th ultimo, the indenture for the Mayo Hall has been duly registered in the Sub-Registrar's Office, and I request that you will be so good as to inform me whether under the practice hitherto in force of submitting grants for registration in the Chief Commissioners office, the indenture above referred to should be submitted to your office for due registration and return to this office for record.

No. 1739—130, dated Camp Mercara, the 14th November 1883.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The President, Municipal Commission, C. and M. Station of Bangalore.

In reply to your letter No. 1635, dated 24th October 1883, enquiring whether the indenture executed by Sir James Gordon making over the Mayo Hall to the Municipality should be registered in this office, I am directed to inform you that as all lands within the C. and M. Station are vested in the Municipality and are disposed of by you without any reference to the Resident, it does not appear to Mr. Lyall that there is any necessity for opening a register regarding them in this office. The old register of grants of lands in the Cantonment of Bangalore kept in the (late) Chief Commissioner's office is in the office of the Dewan of Mysore. If required, it may be obtained therefrom and kept either in your office or in the Court of the District Magistrate.

To—The Editor of the Daily Post.

Sir,

In your issue of the 11th instant I noticed a leading article headed "An Unlawful Assembly", and as the article appears to me to be not quite complete or accurate as to facts, I beg you will allow me to furnish the public with some additional information regarding the Mayo Hall, which I consider that

they should possess. Your article would lead people to believe that the Resident sanctioned the hall being let to a Committee of Gentlemen in the Station for the purpose of a ball—now the fact is that the Municipal President, acting under the authority of the Municipal Board's Proceedings for May 1882, gave the permission referred to without consulting the Resident in any way. Mr. Brown of the Cubbon subsequently asked the Resident to interfere on the ground that it was a condition of the deed of grant to the Municipality that the room should only be used for really public purposes, and Mr. Lyall pointed out in reply that the proviso in the deed says nothing as to renting the room, or reference to the Resident in case of doubt as to whether the room ought to be rented: it provides merely that the public or any section of the public can demand use of the room *free* for any proper public purpose, and that if there is doubt as to the propriety of the object for which the room is so required the Resident shall decide the point.

It is certainly a question whether it is right for the Municipality to run the risk of injuring private owners of public rooms by letting the room in the Mayo Hall for hire. This seems a question for the Municipality to decide; and it is clear that if they let to one section of the community they cannot properly refuse to let to another. But the argument that it is desecration to have balls in the Mayo Halls, seems absurd, for in other Mayo Halls, in other places, rooms are used for dances &c., indeed, many other Mayo Halls in India were built mainly for public recreation. As a matter of fact, the Mysore Mayo Memorial Committee, which began the building of this hall, expressly intended that one or more rooms in the hall should be used as Ball and Theatre rooms, and should replace the old Ball and Theatre house which was pulled down when the present hall was commenced. The site was in fact obtained free on this understanding. It was only because the Mayo Committee could not find money to complete the work, that the plan was abandoned, and the site and incomplete building unconditionally given over to Sir James Gordon, who in turn made them over as Municipal property to the Municipal Commissioners of the Civil and Military Station on their agreeing to complete the building and to keep the room upstairs available to the public *free of charge* for any proper public purpose.

Believe me, Sir,
Yours truly,
AN ON LOOKER.

19—8—1884.

MY DEAR WYLIE.

I remember there was once an idea entertained of connecting the Mayo Hall with the old public rooms so as to use the latter for suppers etc. in case of a ball being given in the hall. But I do not think there was any resolution of the Committee to this effect. It was found that the old rooms were past resuscitation and as you know they were pulled down before the hall was completed.

I was a member of the Committee and Treasurer in their latter days, and helped to collect old subscriptions, and I know that the main project of completing the hall was the only one seriously entertained up to the time when the Committee made over the building in an unfinished state to the Assistant Commissioner. This howl about desecration &c. &c. is not deserving of any attention I think. The beautiful hall with its boarded floor was evidently meant for dancing, witness the cast-iron supports which the Committee got at a cost of some 7,000 Rs. I suppose you have the proceedings of the general meeting of subscribers (Mysore Gazette, 1 August 1874) when it was "resolved to construct a building in close proximity to the Bangalore Reading Room to be called the Mayo Memorial Hall which shall be open for all public purposes to the community in general, European, Eurasian and Native".

Yours very sincerely,
H. HUDSON.

To

J. B. LYALL, Esq.,
British Resident at Mysore,
&c. &c.,
Bangalore.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE RESIDENTS AND RATE-PAYERS OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION OF BANGALORE.

SHEWETH,

1. That your Memorialists respectfully beg to submit for your consideration the proceedings of a Public Meeting held at the Mayo Memorial Hall, on the evening of Monday, the 25th instant.

2. That the Honorary Secretary of the Bangalore Book Society—which is a private institution confined to but a very small section of the resident community—has written a letter to the officiating President of the Municipality, proposing to exchange the Library building—estimated to be worth Rs. 10,000—for the Mayo Memorial Hall.

3. That the officiating President has allowed this proposal to form one of the subjects for discussion at the meeting of the Board on Saturday next, the 30th instant.

4. That your Memorialists hold that under the covenant contained in the indenture executed by and between your predecessor in office and the Station Municipal Board, dated 10th April 1883, the Mayo Memorial Hall building, which has been erected by public subscriptions to the extent of about Rs. 26,000, and completed from Municipal Funds to the extent of about Rs. 22,000; or, in all, at a cost of about Rs. 48,000, has been made over to the Municipality in trust for their use and that of the general public; but that there is no provision in the said indenture authorising the Municipality to alienate the property by gift, sale, exchange, or in any other way.

5. That your Memorialists believe that on a former occasion the Book Society made a proposal to the President of the Municipality (Major Maltby,) to lease for their own exclusive use the upper portion of the Mayo Memorial Hall, but the President declined even to place the proposal before the Municipal Board, on the ground that the Board had no right to entertain such a proposal, and merely mentioned the fact to the Board that such a proposal had been made. Your Memorialists therefore would draw your attention to the persistance of the Book Society in their attempts to secure for themselves what is public property and inalienable under the covenants contained in the indenture above referred to.

6. That your Memorialists—viewing the action of the officiating President in entertaining the proposal as detrimental to public interests, and as a direct violation of the covenant, as well as an infringement of the rights and privileges vested in your Memorialists as citizens of the C. and M. Station of Bangalore—earnestly pray that you will be pleased to look into this matter, and to direct the officiating President of the Municipality to expunge the proposal of the Hony. Secretary of the Book Society referred to above from the Memo of Propositions to be considered at the next meeting of the Municipal Board, and further to direct that it be placed on the records of the Municipality that no proposition to alienate the Mayo Memorial Hall from its lawful purpose be entertained in future.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

(Sd.) T. T. LEONARD,
Chairman of Meeting,

and OTHERS.

RESOLUTIONS.

Passed at the meeting, held at the Mayo Memorial Hall on the 25th August, 1884, to protest against the proposed transfer of the Mayo Memorial Hall to the Bangalore Book Society, in exchange for the Society's Library.

Resolution I.—Proposed by Mr. P. Staunton, and seconded by Mr. Pedroza.—That this meeting, representing the public of Bangalore, strongly protests against the proposal emanating from the Honorary Secretary of the Bangalore Book Society, and to be entertained by the Municipality, at its regular Meeting, on Saturday next, the 30th of August, to exchange the Book Society's premises for the Mayo Hall.

Carried Nem. Con.

Resolution II.—Proposed by Mr. Corner and seconded by Mr. C. Cress, (senior).—That this meeting is of opinion that the Mayo Memorial Hall, having been built by public subscriptions and Municipal Funds, is the common property of all sections alike of the public of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and, as such, has been placed in trust of the public representatives, namely, the Municipal Commissioners, who have no power or right to alienate it, or exchange it for any other.

Carried Nem. Con.

Resolution III.—Proposed by Mr. Mervyn Smith and seconded by Mr. T. Barton.—That this meeting views the proposed exchange with surprise and concern, and regards the proposal as an infringement of the rights and privileges of the public of the Civil and Military Station.

Carried Nem. Con.

Resolution IV.—Proposed by Mr. H. W. Zscherpel and seconded by Mr. Probyn Smith.—That these resolutions form a memorial to be circulated for the signatures of all classes of the Bangalore community, and afterwards forwarded to the British Resident.

Carried Nem. Con.

Resolution V.—That the following gentlemen form a committee for the purpose of preparing the memorial, obtaining signatures, and forwarding the same to the British Resident.

Mr. T. T. LEONARD.
„ MERVYN SMITH.
„ H. W. OLLEFF.
„ JACK.
Mr. J. W. HAYES, (senior).
„ A. M. CORNER.
„ F. GOODALL.

T. T. LEONARD,
Chairman of Meeting.

BANGALORE,
25th August, 1884.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING.

HELD IN

Mayo Memorial Hall, on Monday, the 25th August, 1884.

At the instance and requisition of the editors of the two English newspapers in the station, a meeting of the public was held, at something like eight hours' notice, in the Mayo Memorial Hall, on Monday evening, to protest against the proposal of the Honorary Secretary of the Book Society to exchange the barnlike rooms of the latter, for the aforementioned hall. In spite of the shortness of the notice, there was a good attendance of the citizens of Bangalore, and the greatest enthusiasm and unanimity prevailed.

Mr. T. T. Leonard was voted to the chair, at the motion of Mr. Mervyn Smith, seconded by Mr. A. M. Corner.

On taking the chair, Mr. Leonard, addressing his fellow citizens, remarked that all whom he had spoken to with regard to the proposal of the Honorary Secretary of the Book Society, expressed their opinion that such a proposal, coming from a small private Society, should have been rejected by the President of the Municipality, and not have found a place in

the memo. of items for discussion at the next meeting of the Board. (hear, hear.) It was the duty of those now present to show, by a unanimity of expression, that they, as citizens of Bangalore, were not going to be sat upon as some people expected. Those whom Mr. Leonard addressed knew the history of the hall. It was built by public subscription, collected from all classes of the community, rich and poor. During the time Mr. Leonard was a Municipal Commissioner, the subject cropped up on two or three occasions. Finally it resolved itself into a proposal from Sir James Gordon, that the Municipality should take over the building, by completing it. The fund subscribed by the public not being sufficient to complete it, and as it was not the duty of Government to do so, it was suggested to the Municipality that they, as trustees to the public, should finish the building and hold it for them in trust. The proposal was accepted by the Board, and the money found by the latter to complete the building for public purposes. It was a public building, taken in the broadest sense of the term, for Europeans as well as natives, and as such, was vested in the Municipality. Such being the case, Mr. Leonard could not see how the Municipality could exchange this building for the Book Society's or any other in Bangalore. Mr. Leonard would not detain the meeting any longer, but leave them to propose and adopt such resolutions as were becoming the seriousness of the proposed step. (Loud applause).

Mr. H. W. Olleff remarked that it was perhaps necessary to say a few words as to the manner in which the meeting had been called, at such short notice. It was considered that it would be enough if a dozen gentlemen were present to adopt resolutions, and embody them in a memorial to the British Resident, which could be circulated largely for signature. The editors of the two local English papers, agreeing on the subject, had issued notices that very day, calling the meeting. That morning, Mr. Olleff and a few other gentlemen applied to the Municipal President for the use of the hall to hold the meeting. He granted the request, but suggested that it would be better if the promoters of the meeting waited till after the Municipal meeting of Saturday next was over, and see what action the Board would take with regard to the proposed exchange. Mr. Olleff, however, held that that would not be safe, as it was essential that the Board should know the public feeling on the subject.

Mr. Goodall then rose, and said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I shall only say a few words, so as not to detain you too long. When I first saw the notice in the papers stating that the Book Society wished to obtain the Mayo Hall, I could scarcely believe it. The proposal was so audacious, that it seemed incredible that it should be made. As the Press first drew attention to the matter, the editors of the two papers thought they were justified in calling this meeting to protest against the exchange contemplated. My friend, Mr. Olleff, has explained the circumstances under which the meeting was called, so that I need not go over the same ground. Considering the short notice given, and the threatening appearance of the sky, I think we may congratulate ourselves on the number present at the meeting, and I feel sure that we shall all be of one mind on the subject, and shall make a strong protest against the injustice which is intended to be done. I will no longer occupy the time of the meeting, and I trust the object we have in view will be accomplished.

Mr. Staunton, in proposing the first Resolution, said :—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—I rise to propose the first resolution of the meeting. It gives me great pleasure to meet my fellow citizens on an occasion of this kind. The last time we met it was to protest against the action of the Municipal President and his mode of collecting the municipal taxes. Our object this evening is to protest against the posposed transfer of the Town Hall to the Bangalore Book Society. It is a great pleasure to see so many of my fellow citizens moved with a desire for the preservation of our Memorial Hall for our own use and the use of our children, and it would be enhanced if more of our native fellow-citizens were present; but the short notice given for the meeting is no doubt the reason for so few being here this evening. They are just as much interested in the welfare and preservation of the town and its buildings as we are ourselves. And they thoroughly understand that they must work with us and work willingly if we wish to have our own affairs conducted according to our ideas of what is right and best. I cannot believe that our Municipal Commissioners would entertain for a moment such a one-sided proposal. Our meeting will, therefore, strengthen them to veto all proposals for the transfer of the Memorial Hall from municipal control, and they will also learn what our wishes are on this subject accordingly. If it be true that the Municipal President is in favour of the transfer, I say that he is unfaithful to his trust : the preservation of our public buildings is necessary for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants of Bangalore, and not for a fractional part of it. However, one cannot wonder at the desire of the members of the Bangalore Book Society for the building ; for it is pleasant to the sight and delightful to lounge in, and if one could gain anything by coveting, it would tempt a man to a breach of the tenth commandment. I desire to impress on your minds to-night, that if this Memorial Hall passes out of the control of the Bangalore Cantonment Municipality, you will never get a chance of seeing the inside of it again ; you will be allowed to admire its exterior but that is all the benefit you will ever derive from it. I will illustrate my meaning by relating a circumstance that happened to me some months ago. It was a time when the athletic sports were going on, in front of the gymkhana. I was standing, looking on with a few others on a raised portion of ground east of the building, when a few soldiers came and ordered us out. The civilians went, but being an old soldier of the 43rd, I refused to go. A smart looking corporal threatened to report me. I told him to do so, as I thought there was not an officer in H. M's Service who would put me out of a place where I was incommoding no one, and which

was not wanted for any purpose. However, I was mistaken; a gentleman who announced himself as the Secretary of the Gymkhana Club, came, and ordered me to leave, and I had to do so, or submit to being pushed out by force, and that by order of an officer and by men of my own regiment. We may rest assured that if once we give up this hall, not one of us will be permitted to put a foot in it again.

Mr. Staunton then read the resolution as follows:—That this meeting, representing the public of Bangalore, strongly protests against the proposal to exchange the Book Society's premises for the Mayo Memorial Hall, emanating from the Honorary Secretary of the Bangalore Book Society, and which proposal has been set down for consideration by the Municipality at its regular meeting, on Saturday next, the 30th of August.

Mr. F. B. Pedroza, in seconding the resolution remarked that the Book Society was an exclusive association, and not a public one. No one was admitted as a member unless he belonged to an exclusive class of society. The public would be acting very wrongly if they gave in in this matter, and it would be only the introduction of the thin end of the wedge.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

It was then proposed by Mr. Corner and seconded by Mr. Cress, (senior):—That this meeting is of opinion that the Mayo Memorial Hall, having been built by public subscriptions and municipal funds, is the common property of all sections alike of the public of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore; and, as such, has been placed in trust of the public representatives, namely, the Municipal Commissioners, who have no power or right to alienate it, or exchange it for any other.

In moving the second resolution, Mr. Corner said that an honor was done him in entrusting him with it. He could not say that he was unaccustomed to public speaking, but he would say that there were others who would have done better with the resolution, though no one could accept the task more cheerfully. He was glad that since the movement of self-government in this Station, a public spirit had been evoked, and the public and the Press both showed an inclination to contend for their rights and privileges. The action of the Honorary Secretary of the B. B. Society in this matter of attempting to get the Mayo Memorial Hall, reminded him of the conduct of Ahab in coveting Naboth's vineyard. The Secretary and members of the Society were of course not striving to get the building by the murderous means employed by Ahab, but by proceedings which may be characterised as covert. It was not true that in giving over this Hall to the B. B. Society, the Municipality would be giving over to them what they were entitled to, on the ground that they were subscribers to the Memorial Fund. With the exception, he believed, of the Honorary Secretary and Col. Magrath, President of the Municipality, not one amongst the present subscribers to the Society was a donor to that fund. The policy of the Secretary and members of the Society was evident, as they had pitched upon a time when the newly elected Commissioners would not be on the Board, and there would be a preponderance of officials who were also members of the Society. The premises would be about five or six thousand rupees. Mr. Corner concluded by stating that if the proposed transfer was made the Municipality would be guilty of a public breach of trust.

Mr. Cress, in seconding the resolution, made an amusing speech, conveying his ideas of the situation in the form of a parable, the personages in which were Mr. Public and Mr. Municipality, who had joined their means to build a house, and then Mr. Public was to be turned out of it.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The third resolution was proposed by Mr. Mervyn Smith, and seconded by Mr. T. Barton. It was to the effect that the meeting views the proposed exchange with surprise and concern, and regards the proposal as an infringment of the rights and privileges of the public of the Civil and Military Station.

Mr. Smith said he was sure that everyone who received the postcard convening this meeting, must have been surprised at the proposal of the Secretary of the Book Society. Mr. Smith did not know him, but he fancied he must be a Yankee to propose to exchange an old barn, which, as Mr. Corner said, was not worth more than Rs. 6,000, and had no architectural beauty, for the magnificent hall in which they were now assembled. Mr. Smith was sorry to see so few natives present, but then, the notice was very short. Mr. Smith went on to observe that there were originally 692 subscribers to the Mayo Memorial Fund, of whom 442 were natives, the bulk of them out of the Station, at Mysore, Shemoga, &c. The subscription list was freely circulated, and subscribed to far and wide. Now here was a small section of the public who said that they were the subscribers to the erection of the hall. It was nothing of the kind. Then again, there was the *audacity* of the proposal of the Secretary of the Book Society. He actually thought that what was not fit for a Book Club, was quite grand enough for a public hall, and the meetings of the Municipality. Mr. Smith knew several Commissioners who were present at this meeting, among them Messrs. Cow and Brown,—who would not be there if they did not protest against the proposed exchange, and they would do so, too, next Saturday, at the Municipal meeting (*applause*).

Carried unanimously.

It was next proposed by Mr. Zscherpel, and seconded by Mr. Probyn Smith, that these resolutions form a memorial to be circulated for the signatures of all classes of the Bangalore community, and afterwards forwarded to the British Resident.

Mr. Zscherpel thought it would have been better if the meeting had first made themselves acquainted with the arguments adduced by the Secretary of the Book Club in support of his proposal. However, as far as the exchange itself went, it was proposed, he presumed, on the principle that "a fair exchange is no robbery" like the transaction at Ben Allah's performance at the Cubbon Rooms last Saturday,—two rupees given in exchange for a brass ring! (hear! hear!)

Mr. Probyn Smith remarked that this proposed exchange virtually emanated from the military section of the community, to which the members of the Book Society almost exclusively belonged. The military officers in the Station wanted to appropriate everything. They monopolised the most beautiful plot in the Cubbon Park, and had it laid out in ornamental walks for their lawn-tennis grounds. They had the band taken away from St. Marks' promenade to the terrace of the Cubbon Park to play for their own particular delectation and convenience. They had a Boat House down by the Ulsur Tank. The Mayo Memorial Hall had cost Rs. 48,000, and the utmost value of the B. B. Society's (*sic*) for which they did not pay one pice of assessment, while deserving educational institutions, like Bishop Cotton's and St. Andrew's were heavily assessed. And now they wanted to appropriate the Mayo Memorial Hall. Would the public stand these encroachments on their rights any longer?

The resolution was carried *unanimously*.

The chairman rose and said that his friend Mr. Zscherpel had remarked that the Meeting should have waited to know the opinions of the Secretary of the Book Society, and the grounds he had to urge in support of the exchange. Whatever those grounds were, the fact remained that the Book Society have no right whatever to the hall, and the proposal should have been thrown out by the Municipal President, and no notice should have been taken of it by him. The Book Society had no more right to the building than the Brahmo Samaj in Calcutta had. Belonging to the public, it should remain their property in perpetuity. This meeting was very properly called with promptitude. A skilful general always met an enemy half way and did not wait till the latter was upon him. However, it was a healthy sign, when there was one person at a meeting who did not altogether agree with the rest. Mr. Leonard said that Mr. Sabaputhy and other leading native citizens had requested him to state that though unable to attend the meeting they sympathised with its objects. Mr. J. F. Pereira had also written to a like effect.

The following gentlemen were then nominated to serve on the committee for the purpose of drawing up the memorial:— Messrs. J. W. Hayes, Sr.; T. T. Leonard; Mervyn Smith; A. M. Corner; H. W. Olleff; F. Goodall, and Mr. Jack.

Mr. Hayes, Sr., rose and said—Gentlemen, when I first came into this room, I did not intend saying anything, nor to take a part in to-night's proceedings. But before I give expression to what I intend to say, I think I will be justified in exonerating the President from any motive of wishing to smuggle the proposal for the exchange of buildings through the meeting of next Saturday. He told me that he would take the necessary steps to have a strong body at the Board's Meeting on Saturday next, including those who were recently elected, and I do not think he intends to take any undue advantage. The proposal has many sides. The commercial side of the question is that the building cost Rs. 48,000, and we are asked to give it up in exchange for one, which they themselves value at Rs. 10,000. They state that the Municipality spent 22 thousand, and that they will leave us the out-offices, valued at Rs. 7,000, and give us Rs. 5,000 more in exchange for a building which actually cost Rs. 48,000! For the sake of argument, and setting aside sentimentality, and the moral view of the question, if there were justifying reasons for its transfer, (and I submit I cannot see any) even if they should come and say—'Our building cost Rs. 10,000 we will give you another Rs. 38,000, there is another side of the question to be looked at. Can we legally do it? We cannot. It was built for public purposes with public funds, to serve as a Town Hall. The Municipality hold it by virtue of a covenant entered into with Sir James Gordon. That is the ground on which the Municipality has this building. They cannot alienate this hall, do what they will; if they attempt to do so, it will be a breach of public trust, a violation of public confidence.

Mr. Corner proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his able conduct in the chair. He alluded to Mr. Leonard's many public qualifications as a citizen of Bangalore, and said that when he was a Municipal Commissioner he was the most popular, independent, and out-spoken representative on the Board. His observations at this Meeting was another instance of his public spirit.

The meeting then dispersed.

No. 1190—94, dated Bangalore, the 29th August 84.

From—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

To—The President, Municipal Commission, C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

In forwarding the accompanying Memorial of the residents and rate-payers of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore protesting against an exchange of the Mayo Memorial Hall for the building belonging to the Bangalore Book Society stated to have been proposed by the Honorary Secretary of that Society in a letter addressed to you, and which is set down as one of the subjects for discussion at the meeting of the Municipal Board on Saturday next, the 30th instant, I am desired by the Resident to say that it seems quite clear that the title by which the Municipal Board holds the Mayo Hall gives them no authority to alienate it by sale, exchange, or in any other way. If then the proposal which the Honorary Secretary, Bangalore Book Society, submitted for the consideration of the Board, was of the kind which the memorialists understand it to have been, Mr. Lyall considers that you might properly have at once refused to place it before the Board. But he imagines that the proposal of the Honorary Secretary of the Book Club, which the memorialists do not seem to have seen, may have been more or less misrepresented to them, and if so its discussion at a Board meeting will be fair to the Book Society and its Honorary Secretary, and not endanger public interests in any way.

If the proposal is discussed Mr. Lyall desires that the memorial and this letter be read to the Board at the same time as the proposal; the memorial should, then be returned to this office with the report of the proceedings. If the proposal is expunged or withdrawn the memorial should nevertheless be returned with a report.

No. 1117, dated Bangalore, the 1st September 1884.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

To—The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Referring to your letter No. 1190—94 dated 29th ultimo, I have the honor to forward an extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Commission dated 30th idem, para 2, relating to the application of the Honorary Secretary, Bangalore Book Society, suggesting the exchange of the Mayo Memorial Hall, for the present Library buildings.

The enclosures received with your letter under acknowledgment are herewith returned as requested.

Extract from Boards Proceedings dated 30th August 1884.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE MAYO MEMORIAL HALL.

2. READ:—Letter dated 19th August 1884 from the Honorary Secretary, Bangalore Book Society, relating to the proposed transfer of the present Library building in exchange for the Mayo Hall.

Resolved.—That the Board do not consider a discussion on this subject necessary, inasmuch as the Resident in his letter No. 1190—94 has decided that the title by which the Municipal Board holds the Mayo Hall, gives them no authority to alienate it by sale, exchange, or in any other way.

True Extract,

H. M. S. MAGRATH,

President, Municipal Commission,

C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

1—9—84.

No. 824, dated Bangalore, the 22nd December 1891.

From—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

To—The First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to forward copy of Mr. Olleff's proposition recommending that the Mayo Hall buildings, and the property kept in them, be insured against loss by fire, together with the Resolution of the Commissioners, No. 15, dated 19th December 1891, and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the Resident's sanction to the same.

2. The cost of the buildings and furniture is estimated at Rs. 55,000, and the annual cost of insurance fee and other incidental charges, will amount to, about, Rs. 160.

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE, MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

Date, 12th December 1891.

Memorandum of proposition to be laid before the Municipal Commissioners of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore :—

NAME OF PROPOSER.

H. W. Olleff, Municipal Commissioner, No. II. Division.

THE PROPOSITION.

That the Mayo Hall Buildings and the Municipal property lodged or kept in them be insured against loss by fire.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The Municipal Buildings and the furniture and fixtures that are in them are of great value, and if they were destroyed by fire and were not insured the cost to the tax payers would be very heavy. Of late the giving of balls and other entertainments in the Mayo Hall has become frequent, decorations and lights—especially at balls—are often profuse and elaborate. The bursting and overturning of a lamp may at any time occur, and it is not impossible, that it may occur under circumstances which would give the fire such a hold as would overcome all efforts to extinguish it. Insurance is a prudent step.

Sd. H. W. OLLEFF,
Municipal Commissioner,
No. II Division.

Copy.
H. M. S. MAGRATH,
President.

Abstract of Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Civil & Military Station of Bangalore, dated 19th December 1891.

15. READ—Proposition by Mr. H. W. Olleff, Municipal Commissioner, for insuring the Mayo Hall Buildings and the Municipal property kept in them, against loss by fire.

Proposed by Mr. Olleff, that the Mayo Hall Buildings and the Municipal property lodged or kept in them be insured against loss by fire.

Seconded by Mr. Thiravarunga Moodliar.

10 for; 1 against.

Resolution—Proposition carried.

No. 51—194, dated Bangalore, the 8th January 1892.

From—The First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

To—The President, Municipal Commission, Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

In reply to your letter No. 824, dated the 22nd December 1891, I am directed to convey sanction to the Mayo Hall buildings and the property kept in them being insured against loss by fire.

2. It is understood that care will be taken and have the insurance effected by a good Company.

Office Note.

MEMO.

Letter No. 2546, dated 16th February 1883, from the President, Municipal Commission.

The circumstances under which the Mayo Memorial Hall was built are peculiar. It owes its existence to the joint funds of the public, the Municipality and the Government. Under an arrangement entered into with the Municipality in 1880 a formal grant of the hall has to be made to that body, but even here there is a restriction to the effect that the public have a right to the upper story of the building free for meetings for a proper purpose. It would seem therefore that while the hall becomes the property of the Municipality, one portion of it (the upper story) will be held by that body in trust for the public.

2. Under these circumstances I think the draft of grant received from Major Maltby may be sent, with a statement of the circumstances under which the grant is to be made, to some firm of solicitors in Madras with a request that they may have a proper document prepared, under good legal advice, and submitted to this office—

8—3—1883.

3. Mr. Sidney Smith, Advocate, Bangalore, was requested by the Resident to prepare a draft of the deed of grant required, and that gentleman has now submitted a draft of the proposed document.

4. On the 1st page of the draft, a statement is made to the effect that "a site for erecting the Mayo Memorial Hall was granted by the Chief Commissioner." Mr. Sidney Smith has put a query whether that statement is correct. The old papers in this office on the subject of the Mayo Hall have been carefully gone through but there is nothing in them to show how the site upon which the hall has been erected was obtained. Perhaps the Municipal Board will have some information to give on the point. I think the draft grant now received may be sent to the President, Municipal Commission, with reference to his letter No. 2546, dated 16th February last, and he may be told that if the Municipal Board approve of the draft, a copy of it may be made on the proper stamp and submitted for the Resident's signature. The Board may also be requested to consider the marginal remarks made on pages 1 and 7 of the draft.

5. In the second para of his letter Major Maltby requests to be informed how the value of the stamp required for the grant is to be determined, whether on the assumed value of the land (Rs. 4,451) or on the value of the land *and* buildings (Rs. 56,451).

May Mr. Sidney Smith be requested to give his opinion on this point?

12—4—1883.

6. The reference suggested in para 4 above having been made, the President, Municipal Commission, reports that the piece of land upon which the Mayo Hall is built is shown in a Map of Bangalore prepared in 1869 as belonging to Government, and that it is presumed that the ground was made over by Government to the Committee for the erection of the Mayo Hall. The statement made in the first page of the indenture that a site for erecting the Mayo Hall was granted by the (late) Chief Commissioner of Mysore. May perhaps remain unaltered.

7. The reference suggested in para 5 above having been made, Mr. Sidney Smith, Advocate, reports that as the real consideration for the conveyance of the Mayo Hall to the Municipal Board is the amount expended by them on its completion and the cost of the out-buildings, the proper *ad valorem* stamp duty on the document ought, in his opinion, to be calculated on the amount so spent; but as the question is not free from some doubt, Mr. Sidney Smith advises that either the conveyance be engrossed on a stamp which will cover the entire value of the building including the out-offices, or that a stamp sufficient to cover the total amount spent by the Municipality be used in the first instance, and after the execution of the conveyance, the opinion of the Collector be taken as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the stamp as provided for in Section 30 of the Stamp Act.

I think that the second of the two alternatives suggested by Mr. Sidney Smith, *viz.*, that a stamp sufficient to cover the amount spent by the Municipality be used in the first instance, and after the execution of the conveyance, the opinion of the Collector be taken as to the sufficiency of the stamp, under Section 30 of the Act, had better be adopted, because in that case no more expenditure (on account of the stamp) than is absolutely necessary will be incurred.

8. A draft letter to the President, Municipal Commission, is herewith submitted for approval.

23—4—1883.

L. A.

MEMO.

Mayo Memorial Hall.

On the death of Lord Mayo in 1872, subscriptions were raised in Mysore for a memorial in his honor, and it was decided by a committee appointed by the public to construct a hall in Bangalore for the use of the public. About Rs. 25,000 were collected and the work was commenced, but the funds in the hands of the committee (which had been augmented by a sum of about Rs. 5,000 collected for erecting a building for the Literary and Scientific Institute in honor of Mr. Bowring) were exhausted before the hall was completed, and the committee made over the building in its unfinished state to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore. It then required about Rs. 15,000 to complete the building. The Chief Commissioner thought that the best way of completing the hall was by having the unfinished work executed by the Municipality which had set apart funds for erecting a building for the Municipal offices, and by allowing the Board to hold their office in the hall. A portion of the hall was also to be placed at the disposal of the Literary and Scientific Institute in consideration of the sum of Rs. 5,000 contributed by that institution towards the construction of the hall. The Municipal Board agreed to complete the building on the understanding that the Literary and Scientific Institute should have nothing to do with the hall and that the hall should be made their property. The Chief Commissioner promised compliance with these conditions but imposed a proviso that the hall should be open for public meetings of a proper nature. The Municipality thereupon undertook the work and completed the hall at a cost (including cost of out houses etc.) of about Rs. 22,000. The Resident who has succeeded the Chief Commissioner in the administration of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, paid up to the Literary Institute the amount contributed by it with interest thereon, and also made a grant of Rs. 5,000 to the Municipality for furnishing the Mayo Hall. The Municipal offices were removed into the hall early in 1892, and the building is under the sole charges of the Municipality since then.

2. Early this year, the Municipal Board requested the Resident to make a formal grant of the hall (with outhouses, lands etc.) in their favor. A deed was accordingly drawn up under Sir James Gordon's orders, by Mr. Sidney Smith, an Advocate of the local bar, and was signed by Sir James on the 6th June 1893 at Madras just before his departure from India.

3. The question as to the amount of stamp duty payable on the document having arisen when it was under preparation the Municipality was asked, under Mr. Sidney Smith's advice, to have the document written in the first instance on a stamp sufficient to cover the amount of consideration for the conveyance and it was stated that the opinion of the Collector as to the sufficiency of that stamp would be taken subsequently under Section 30 of the Stamp Act. The document was accordingly written on a stamp of the value of Rs. 225 which represents the sum of Rs. 22,500 spent by them on the hall, and it was executed by Sir James Gorden as stated above.

4. The opinion of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore was then asked for and obtained. That officer thinks that the document in question is not of the nature of a "conveyance" and that the amount spent by the Municipality on the improvement of the hall cannot be taken as the real consideration for it. The transfer of the building to the Municipality with Rs. 5,000 for furniture, partakes, in Captain Macintire's opinion, of the nature of "Gift", and is accordingly subject to stamp duty under article 36 of Schedule I of the Stamp Act. The valuation of the entire property with lands, out, houses etc., being Rs. 56,451, the Deputy Commissioner adds to it the Rs. 5,000 granted for furniture and on the total of Rs. 61,451, charges a stamp duty of Rs. 615. Deducting from this the value of the stamp already used (Rs. 225) the Deputy Commissioner thinks that Rs 390 have still to be paid as stamp duty on the document.

5. It does not appear how in the peculiar circumstances of the present case, the document in question can be considered to be a deed of "Gift". The Mayo Hall was left in an unfinished state and the Chief Commissioner was at a loss to provide funds for its completion. He then thought of the Municipality and arranged with them to the effect that if they completed the building at their own cost, he would make it over to them with the reservation that the public should have the privilege of using the hall free for meetings of a proper nature. A transfer of property made under such circumstances cannot, in my humble opinion, be considered a gift. The Resident cannot be considered to have made a gift of the whole building when a portion of the money spent on its construction (Rs. 22,500 spent by the Municipality) was not his to give away. Again the reservation to the effect that a portion of the hall should be allowed free to the public for meetings shows clearly that the transaction was not, at any rate, an unconditional gift. The correspondence on the subject clearly shows that there was an express arrangement to the effect that *if the Municipality spent money for completing the building*, then the Chief Commissioner would make over the whole building to the Municipality. If the Municipal Board had declined to complete it and the Chief Commissioner had got the work done by other means, he would certainly not have made over the hall to the Municipality. The money spent by the Municipality is therefore certainly the

consideration which led the Resident to execute the document now in question. This being the case, the document cannot, in my humble opinion, but be called a "conveyance". If this view be correct, the stamp duty payable on the instrument is Rs. 225, calculated under Article 21 of Schedule I of the Stamp Act on the "consideration", which is the amount spent by the Municipality on the hall. There is however another matter to be considered here. It is stated in the document that a portion of the hall (the upper story) should be allowed free to the public for meetings. This may be considered a separate transaction from the conveyance of the hall, creating a 'trust" in the Municipality on behalf of the public, and as such may be charged separately with the fixed stamp duty of 15 Rs. prescribed for a "Declaration of a trust" by Article 25, Schedule I of the Stamp Act, as section 7 of the Act provides that "any instrument comprising or relating to several distinct matters shall be chargeable with the aggregate amount of the duties with which separate instruments each comprising or relating to one of such matters, would be chargeable under the act". The total stamp duty chargeable on the document is, therefore, in my humble opinion Rs. 225 + 15, total Rs. 240.

6. The Deputy Commissioner charges stamp duty on the 5,000 Rs. granted by the Resident on account of furniture for the hall. The grant of this sum is not made by the document, it was made by an office order of the Resident, the amount has been paid and has probably been already utilized by the Municipality for the purpose for which it was granted. The grant of this sum does not require the formality of an instrument of the kind now in question, nor has it been mentioned in the document as one of the transactions to be ratified by it. It is simply mentioned incidentally in the deed among the several circumstances which were connected with the execution of the document. I think therefore that the gift of the 5,000 Rupees is not chargeable with stamp duty. If it should however be considered that duty must be charged on that amount, it will only add 50 Rs. to the duty above specified, raising the total value of the stamp required to Rs. 290, which is less than half the amount fixed by the Deputy Commissioner.

7. Section 45 of the Stamp Act provides that if a Collector acting under section 30 feels a doubt as to the amount of stamp duty to be charged on a document brought before him, he may refer the matter with his own opinion thereon for the decision of the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority and the decision of such authority shall be acted upon by the Collector. In the present case, the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority is the Resident himself (the officer who executed the document). Besides, the Deputy Commissioner has not felt any doubt in the matter of the stamp duty on the document in question, and has not referred the case to the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority as stated in section 45. Under that section therefore the Resident cannot pass any orders in the present case. Section 46, as extended to Mysore, provides, however, that the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority may state any case referred to it under section 45 *or otherwise coming to its notice*, and refer such case to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Mysore or other court exercising the functions of a High Court within the territories of Mysore; and, under section 47, the decision of such court shall be acted upon.

8. Under the peculiar circumstances of the present case, orders are respectfully solicited whether the Deputy Commissioner's decision as to the stamp should be accepted or whether the matter may be referred for the decision of the Chief Judge in Mysore. I beg to remark here that if the instrument be considered a conveyance the stamp duty thereon has to be paid by the grantee (the Municipality), *vide* section 29 of the Act; if it be considered a gift, there is nothing in the Act to show by whom the duty is payable, but I presume that it will have to be paid by the Resident from the revenues of the Assigned Tract, as the gift made by him would not be complete unless the instrument is stamped and registered by him.

9. A copy of the Stamp Act I of 1879 is herewith submitted for reference. The document which forms the subject of this memo is with the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore.

20—7—1883. L. ANANTASAMI RAO.

I agree with the Sherishtadar but for the reasons he gives I think it must be referred to the Chief Judge.

21—8—1883. J. B. L.

Send the Memorial to the President with letter to following effect: that it seems quite clear that the title by which the Municipal Board holds the Mayo Hall gives them no authority to alienate it by sale, exchange or in any other way. If then the proposal which the Honorary Secretary, Bangalore Book Society, submitted for consideration of the Board was

of the kind which the Memorialists understand it to have been, I consider that the President might properly have at once refused to place it before the Board. But I imagine that the proposal of the Secretary of the Book Club which the Memorialists do not seem to have seen may have been more or less misrepresented to them and if so its discussion at a Board meeting will be fair to the Book Society and its Secretary and not endanger public interests in any way.

If the proposal is discussed the Memorial and this letter should be read to the Board at the same time as the proposal and the Memorial should be returned to this office with the report of the Proceedings.

If the proposal is expunged or withdrawn the Memorial should also be returned with a report.

Also address the chairman of the meeting, acknowledge receipt of memo and send him copy of letter to President to show the action I have taken.

29—8—1933.

(Signed) J. B. L.

R. P. B.—9-1922.—10.